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‘Proposed negotiations with the Joasmee and Wahabee chiefs for the suppression of piracy.’

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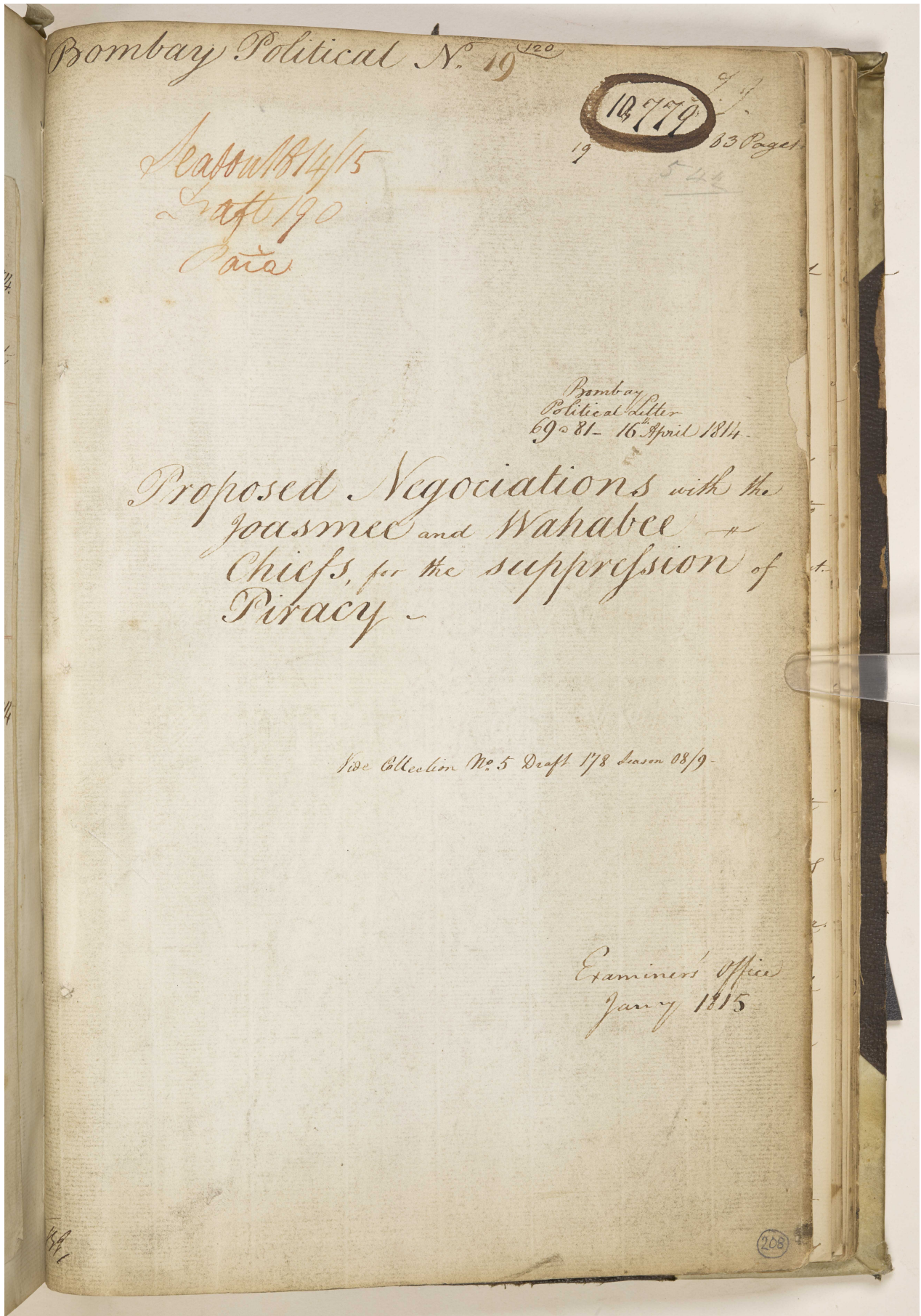
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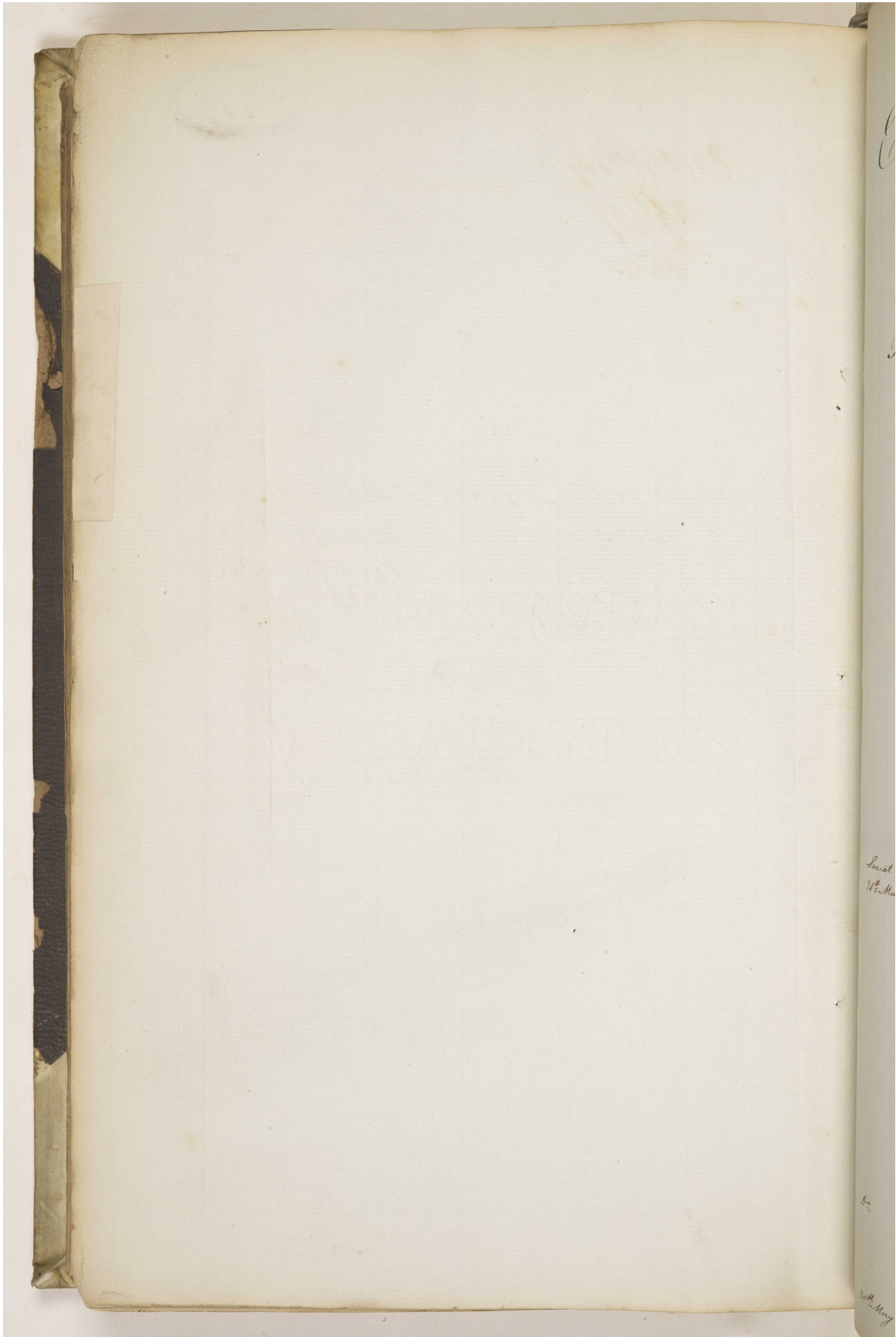
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'Proposed negotiations with the Joasmee and Wahabee chiefs for the suppression of piracy.' [208r] (1/86)



'Proposed negotiations with the Joasmee and Wahabee chiefs for the suppression
of piracy.' [208v] (2/86)



'Proposed negotiations with the Joasmee and Wahabee chiefs for the suppression of piracy.' [209r] (3/86)

Extract Political Letter from Bombay

Dated 25th February 1807.

Para 43.

In the 47th Paragraph of our Dispatch of the 22nd February 1806, we had the honour to communicate the instructions, under which Captain Seton our Resident at Muscat was authorized to conclude a pacific arrangement with the Joasmee Pirates, and we have now the pleasure to report the successful result of the negociation, by the conclusion of a Treaty of Peace with these people, dated 6th Feby. 21st March 1806. The terms of which we approved, after having perused and duly considered the several circumstances under which it was negociated, as detailed in Captain Seton's letter dated 14th March, subject however as we informed that Officer, to the final sanction of the Honorable the Governor General, which requisite confirmation has, we have the satisfaction to notice, since been received.

'Proposed negotiations with the Joasmee and Wahabee chiefs for the suppression
of piracy.' [209v] (4/86)

Extract Political Letter to Bombay

Dated 31st August 1809.

Letter from dated 25th February 1807.

*(13) Treaty of Peace with the Joasmee
Pirates.*

*Para: 16. We approve
of the Treaty of
Amity which has*

*been concluded by Captain Selon, the
Resident at Muscat, with the Joasmee
Pirates.*

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of piracy.' [210r] (5/86)

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Extract Political Letter from Bombay

Dated 16th April 1814

69 Mr Bruce your Resident
at Bushire, having in the early part of
last year, been permitted to visit the
Presidency, he was instructed on his return
to his station, to call at Muscat, with
the view of ascertaining the situation of
affairs at that place, and making such
arrangements as he might judge necessary
with the person to whom he might
entrust the management of your
concerns; the port of Muscat, being as
your Honble Court has already been
informed, within the limits of his
Residency. —

70 On
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70 On arriving at Muscat
Mr. Bruce found His Highness the Imam
on the eve of proceeding on an expedition
against the Port of Rusul Khyma,
having in view the object of restoring
Sultan bin Suggur the rightful Chieftain
of the Joasmee Tribe to his former
authority, and was invited by His
Highness, to accompany him thither,
and though he informed His Highness
he could take no part in any
offensive operations; yet he acceded to his
proposal, with a view of concluding
engagements with the Joasmee Chieftains
in behalf of the British Government,
but feeling himself authorized to do no
more than renew the Combramah or
agreement obtained from Sultan bin
Suggur by Captain Seton in the year
1806

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Draft by
Barnes

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"should be assisted and protected," but also that protection and countenance should be afforded to all British subjects who might have occasion to resort to any Port or place subject to their authority in the prosecution of their Commercial pursuits, under an engagement that the like protection and countenance should be shewn to all the subjects of that Chieftain, who might visit our Ports for the like purpose. —

72 We further expressed our desire that similar engagements might be contracted with the other Chieftains in the Gulph, and that Mr. Bruce would take care to let our friendly disposition be generally known, restraining him however, from concluding any Treaties to that effect, until we should have consulted

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of piracy.' [212r] (9/86)

7.
consulted with, and received the approbation
of the Supreme Government. —

73 Our correspondence on this

Cont. 1813 subject having been accordingly referred
Ms. Anne Folio 265r
18th Aug^r 3208

to the Right Honble the Governor General
in Council, His Lordship was pleased to
approve of the general tenor of our
instructions to Mr Bruce, and even
suggested that it would be proper to
extend the object of the proposed Treaty
with the Joasmees by including in it
a stipulation binding that Chieftain to
restrain his subjects, and the people of
his Tribe, from committing piratical
deprivations, not only against British
subjects, but against those of any states
whatever. —

74 We accordingly authorized
the Resident to enter into Treaties
(212) with

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with the Joasmee, and all other Chieftains
within the Gulph, in conformity with
the instructions of the Supreme Government.

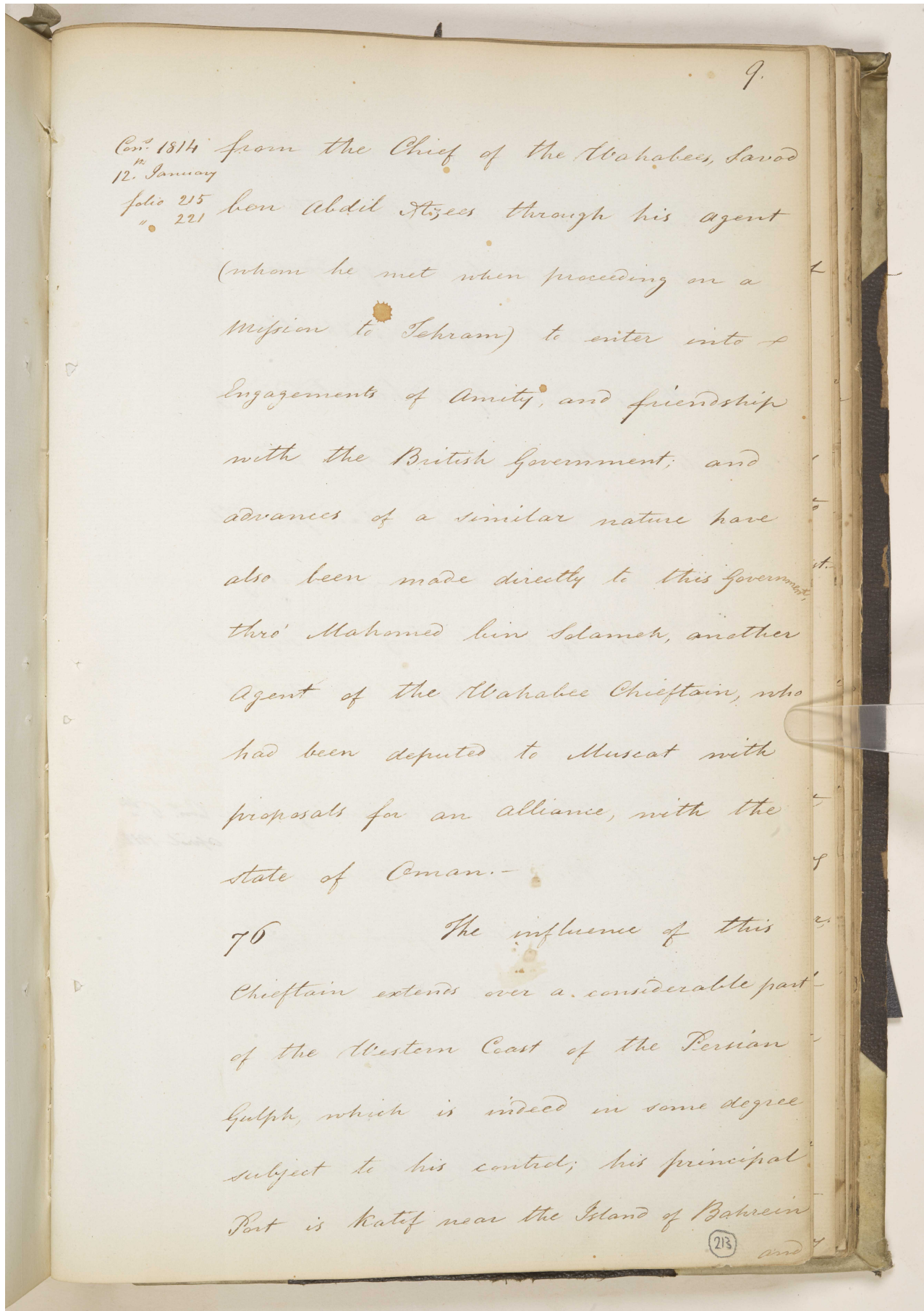
Mr Bruce did not wait the result
of the operations undertaken by the
Imaun against Rusel Khyra, but its
subsequent failure, and his employment
in the adjustment of the accounts of
Mahomed Kebbe Khan late Minister of
Tars, whose disgrace and fall we ^{*}noticed
to your Honble Court in our dispatch
of the 19th of October last, in which ^{*}he engaged at the particular desire of

^{*}
Paras 1170
123 of that
letter notice
this point -

His Excellency Sir Gore Ouseley, have hitherto
been the means of preventing any steps
being taken to accomplish this desirable
object —

75 Mr Bruce, however, after
his return to Bushire received overtures
from

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 Con. 1814 from the Chief of the Wahabees, Savod
 12. January
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 ben Abdil Stjees through his agent
 (whom he met when proceeding on a
 mission to Seeram) to enter into
 Engagements of Amity, and friendship
 with the British Government, and
 advances of a similar nature have
 also been made directly to this Government
 thro' Mahomed bin Solameh, another
 Agent of the Wahabee Chieftain, who
 had been deputed to Muscat with
 proposals for an alliance, with the
 state of Oman.

76 The influence of this
 Chieftain extends over a considerable part
 of the Western Coast of the Persian
 Gulph, which is indeed in some degree
 subject to his control; his principal
 Port is Katef near the Island of Bahrein

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and Deriah the seat of his Government,
about twelve days march from the
Coast. He is said to have suffered much
from his different conflicts with the
Turkish Troops, previously to his abandoning
the Coasts of the Arabian Gulph, and
his ill success, it is more than probable,
has had some influence in rendering
him solicitous of conciliating the support
or at least the Neutrality of the British
and Persian Governments. —

77 These overtures having been ^{Con. C. 11}
submitted to the Supreme Government, ^{April 1818}
we have recently been favored with
the opinion of His Lordship in Council
upon the inexpediency of negotiating
any Treaty, or of forming any intimate
connection with the Wahabee Chieftain,
but at the same time, to maintain
a

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a friendly intercourse with him, and to endeavor by cordial and conciliatory conduct, to confirm the amicable disposition which he professes to entertain towards the British Government, by which our conduct in our Instructions to the Resident has been of course regulated.

18 Notwithstanding these amicable overtures, we are concerned to state, that a number of Dows and Dingees belonging to the Joasmee, and Uttobee Tribes, have been cruising on the Coast between Luckput Bunder in Cutch, and the Port of Rusul Ahima, and though under a declared hostility against the Smaun, & his subjects alone, still Boats, and other Craft navigating under British Paps, and Colors, have not escaped depredation; but several of them laden with Merchandize

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of piracy.' [214v] (14/86)

have been plundered, while others were
detained at Porebunder and prevented
from carrying on their Mercantile pursuits.

79 The interruption which the
presence of this Piratical force on the
Coast had occasioned to the Trade, rendered
it necessary that steps should be taken
to secure its protection, and we accordingly
despatched the Honble Company's Cruisers
Benares, and Ternate with the Sylph
Brig in pursuit of them, with
instructions to Captain Patwell the Senior
Officer to Cruise between the Coasts of
Cutch and Mekran, and in the event
of his finding the Vessels described to
warn them of the consequences of continuing
in these Seas, and that should they
attempt to molest any Vessels navigating
under the British flag and jafs, no
alternative

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13.

alternative would be left, but that of taking or destroying them. He was further instructed that in the event of his ascertaining that they had actually committed such depredations on Boats or Craft so protected to take or destroy any of the armed Cruisers belonging to these Tribes, he might find upon the Coast-

80 Before the arrival of the force at Porebunder those Freebooters had returned to the Persian Gulph, intending as we understand to revisit the Coast on the opening of the ensuing season, or in the Month of September, previously to which time we shall of course be prepared to afford protection to the Trade, and to take or destroy any Vessel or Craft, belonging to the Joasmees, or to any other Tribes that

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may attempt to interrupt it. —

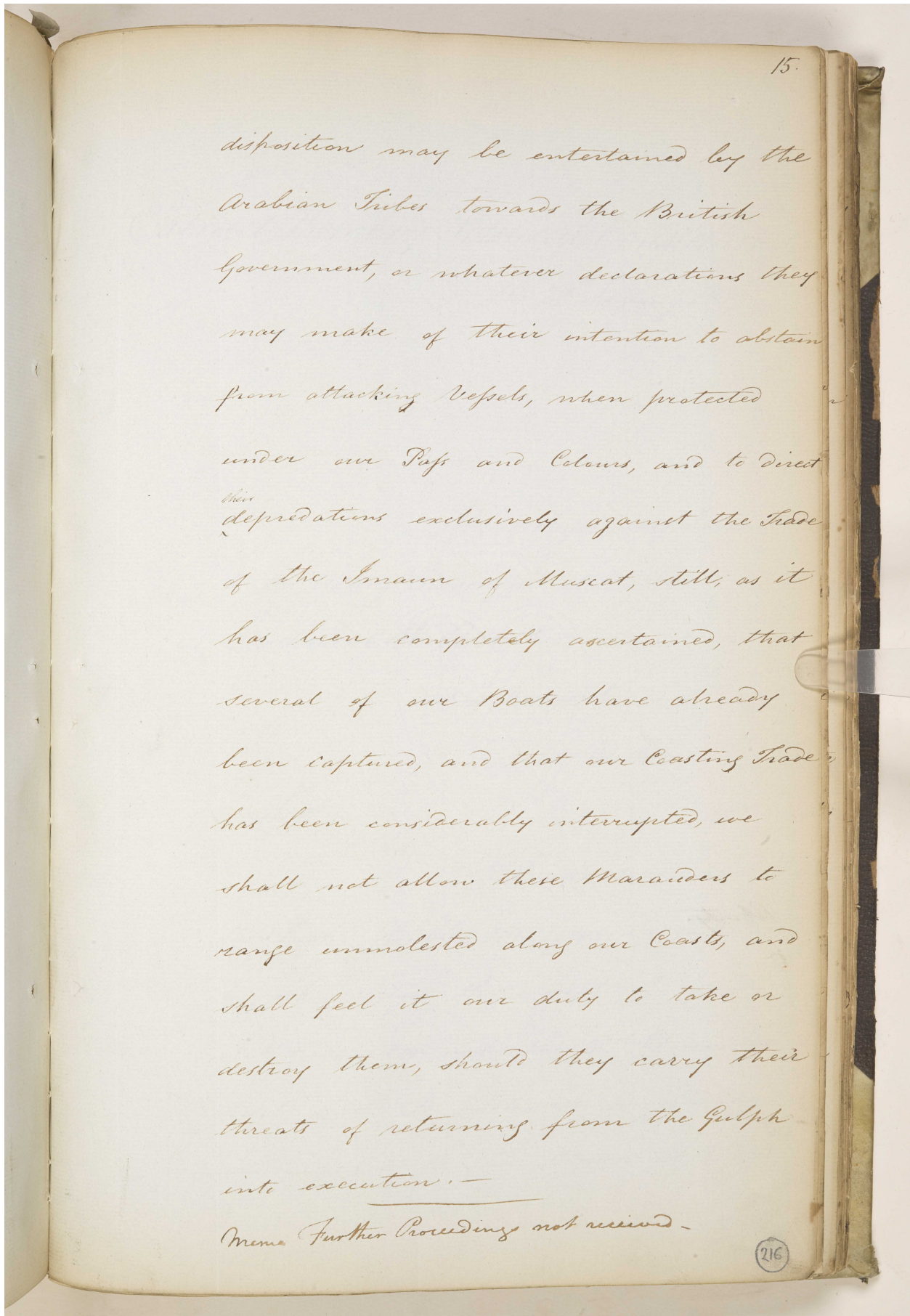
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We have submitted these

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proceedings to the consideration of the
Right Honourable the Governor General in
Council, and requested the instructions of
His Lordship, whether under the engagement
entered into by the Imam of Muscat
with Mehedee Allee Khan on the 12th
of October 1798 namely that he should
consider "the friend of that Sircar"
(meaning the British Government) "to
"be the friend of this" (the Muscat state)
"and the enemy of that," we were
at liberty to co-operate with His Highness in
the destruction of the Joasmees, who
had recently captured one of his Ships
in the Gulph; His Highness having
applied through his Agent at the
Presidency for such assistance, but whatever
disposition

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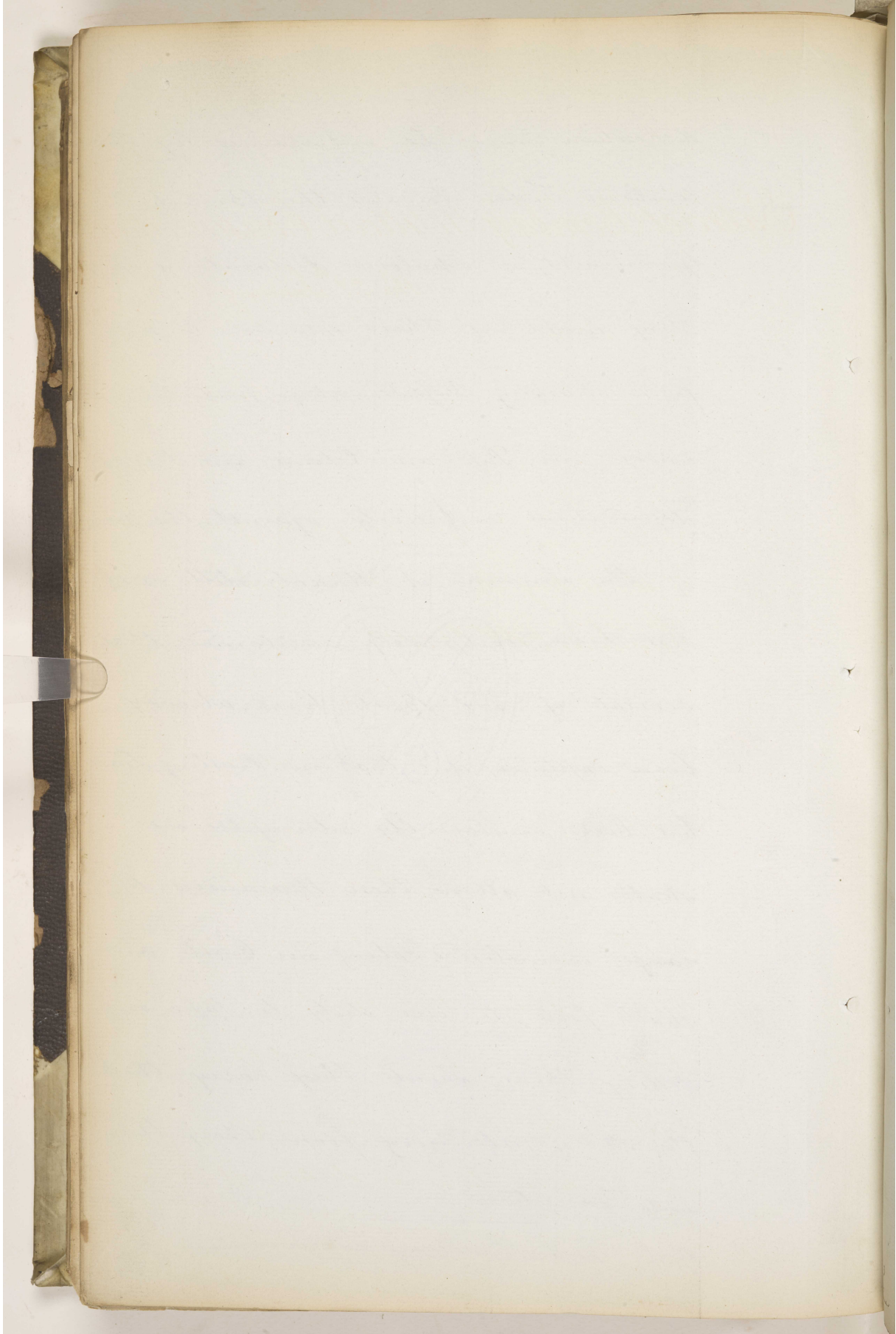


15.
 disposition may be entertained by the Arabian Tribes towards the British Government, or whatever declarations they may make of their intention to abstain from attacking Vessels, when protected under our Flag and Colours, and to direct ^{their} depredations exclusively against the Trade of the Imam of Muscat, still, as it has been completely ascertained, that several of our Boats have already been captured, and that our Coasting Trade has been considerably interrupted, we shall not allow these Marauders to range unmolested along our Coasts, and shall feel it our duty to take or destroy them, should they carry their threats of returning from the Gulph into execution. —

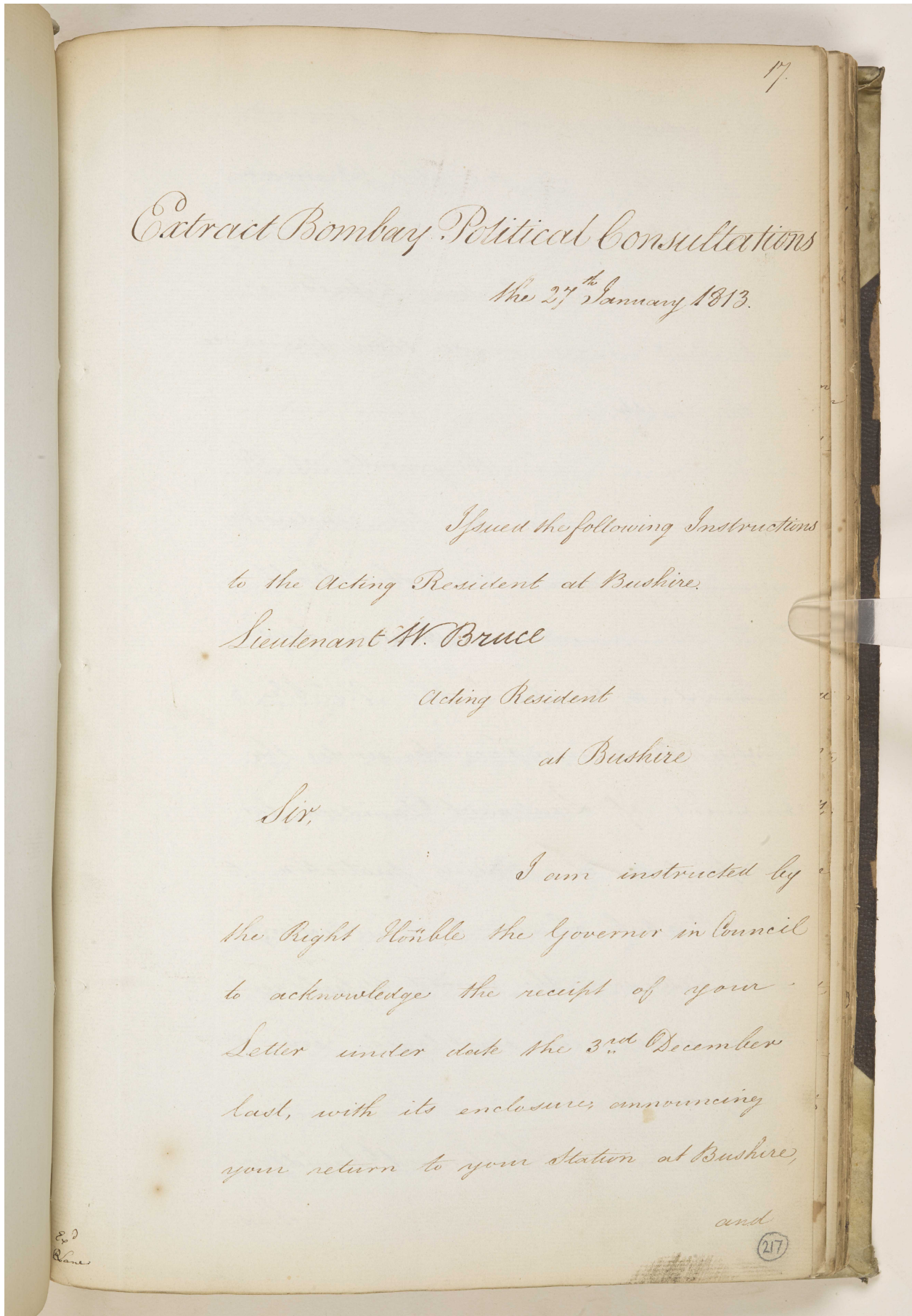
Memorandum Further Proceedings not received.

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of piracy.' [216v] (18/86)**



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of piracy.' [217r] (19/86)



17.
Extract Bombay Political Consultations
the 27th January 1813.

Issued the following Instructions
to the Acting Resident at Bushire,
Lieutenant W. Bruce
Acting Resident
at Bushire

Sir,

I am instructed by
the Right Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council
to acknowledge the receipt of your
Letter under date the 3rd December
last, with its enclosures, announcing
your return to your station at Bushire,

and

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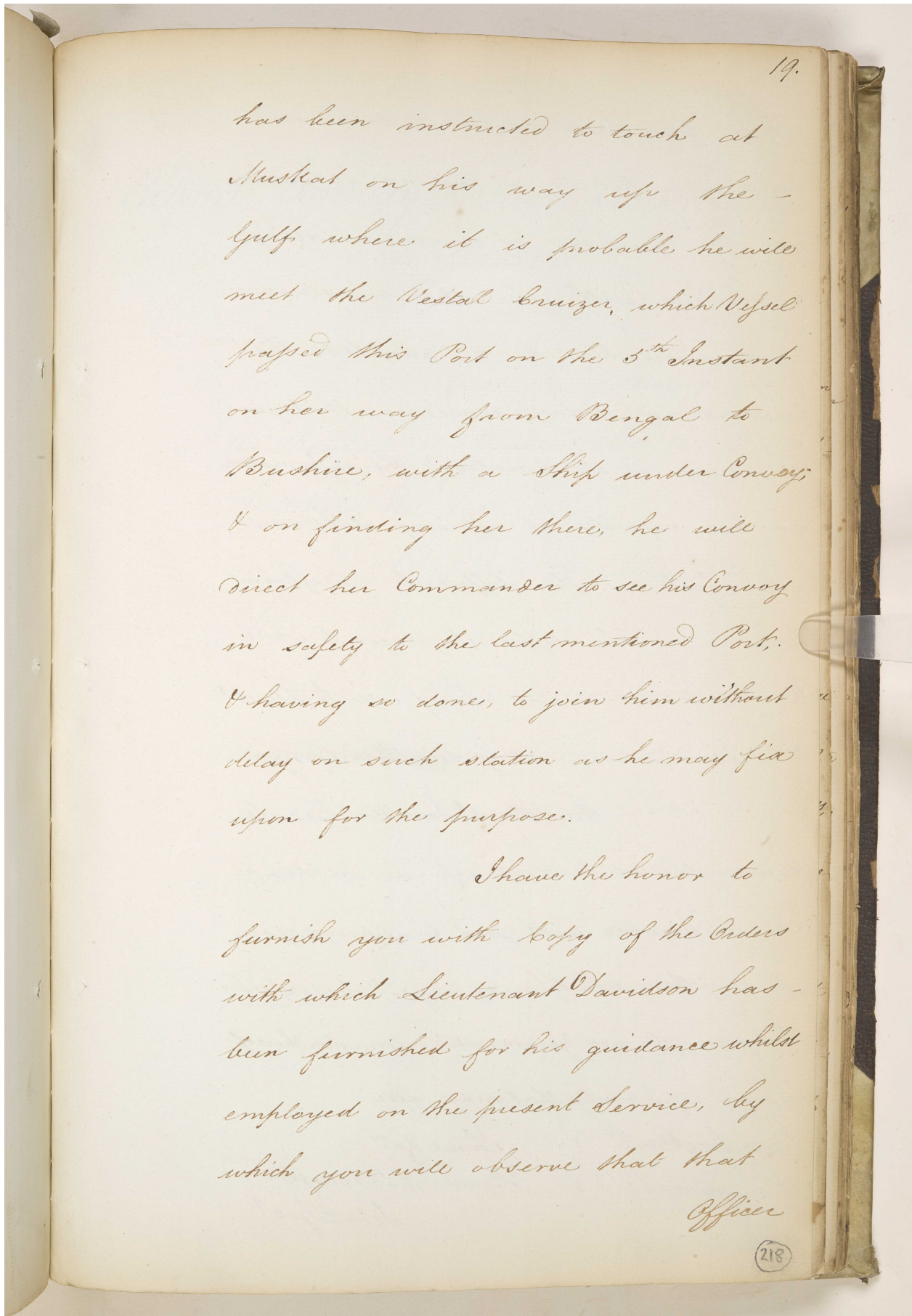
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of piracy.' [217v] (20/86)

and reporting an attack having
been meditated on the Ship Duncan
of this Port, on which Wessel you had
embarked, by the Piratical Vessels
which have again made their appearance
in the Gulph

On the grounds of the
suggestion contained in the concluding
Paragraph of your report, the Right
Honble the Governor in Council has
determined to Dispatch the Honble
Company's Cruizer Ternate, under the
Command of Lieutenant Davidson, for
the purpose of extending protection to
the British Trade, & of attacking
and destroying the Armed Vessels of
those who are employed in
conveying it.

Lieutenant Davidson
has

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19.
has been instructed to touch at Muskat on his way up the Gulf where it is probable he will meet the Nestal Cruizer, which Vissel passed this Port on the 5th Instant on her way from Bengal to Bushire, with a Ship under Convoy; & on finding her there, he will direct her Commander to see his Convoy in safety to the last mentioned Port, & having so done, to join him without delay on such station as he may fix upon for the purpose.

I have the honor to furnish you with copy of the Orders with which Lieutenant Davidson has been furnished for his guidance whilst employed on the present Service, by which you will observe that that

Officer

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Officer has been desired to take an early opportunity of calling at Bushire for the purpose of communicating & concerting with you the measures most advisable to be adopted; the Governor in Council conceiving that your knowledge of the Country & the information you are capable of affording of the views and objects of the different Chieftains, as well as the different places to which the Pirates resort, will be of use to Lieut^r Davidson in regulating his Proceedings.

Lieutenant Davidson has also been instructed to keep up a constant communication with you to apprise you of every thing which may occur & it is expected that you will give Government information thereof by every opportunity that may offer

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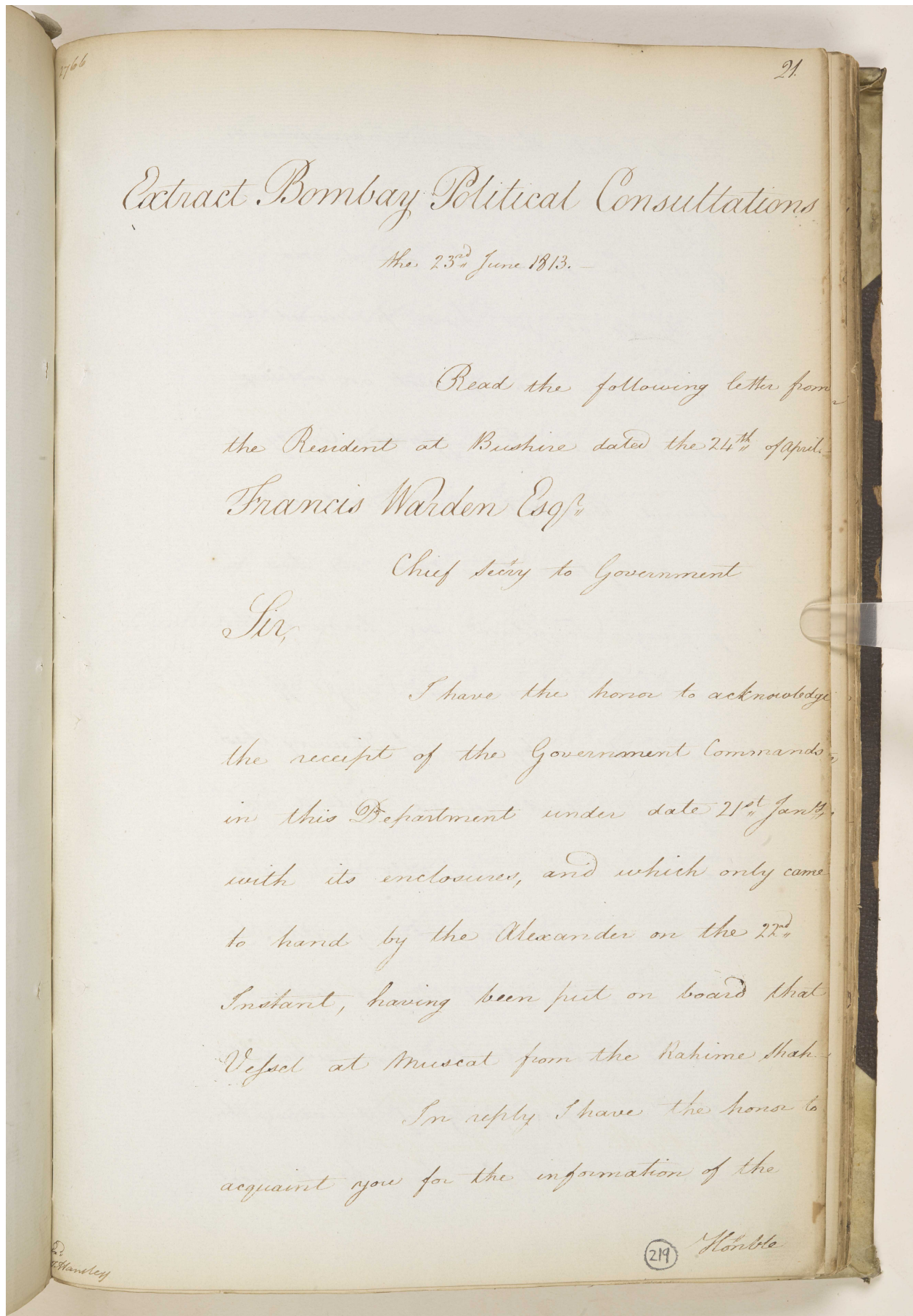
21st January 1813

Shame &c.^{ca}

(Signed) J. Babington

Secy to Gov^t

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of piracy.' [219r] (23/86)



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 of piracy.' [219v] (24/86)

Honble Board that the Ternate Cruizer's presence
 in the Gulf, has been attended with a very
 good effect; for since her arrival no
 Piratical Boats as yet have presumed to
 put to sea; she is at present on a Cruise
 to the Southward and affording Convey to
 the Greyhound Brig as far as Muscat. I have
 recommended Captain Davidson on his
 returning Cruise to stand in towards the
 Coast of Rasel Khima, and Cruise off it
 for a short time, by way of showing these
 Lawless freebooters that we are vigilant and
 determined to punish any acts of Piracies
 they may presume to be guilty of. At the
 same time I think it very probable they
 may send a boat out to him, when it
 will afford an opportunity of delivering the
 Honble Boards address to the Piratical

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23.

Piratical Chieftain who resides at Rasel
Elhima. - The Honble Board may rest as
assured that I shall from time to time
afford Captain Davidson every aid and
assistance in my power for the promotion
of the service on which he is employed
and constantly keep Government advised
of all his motions. -

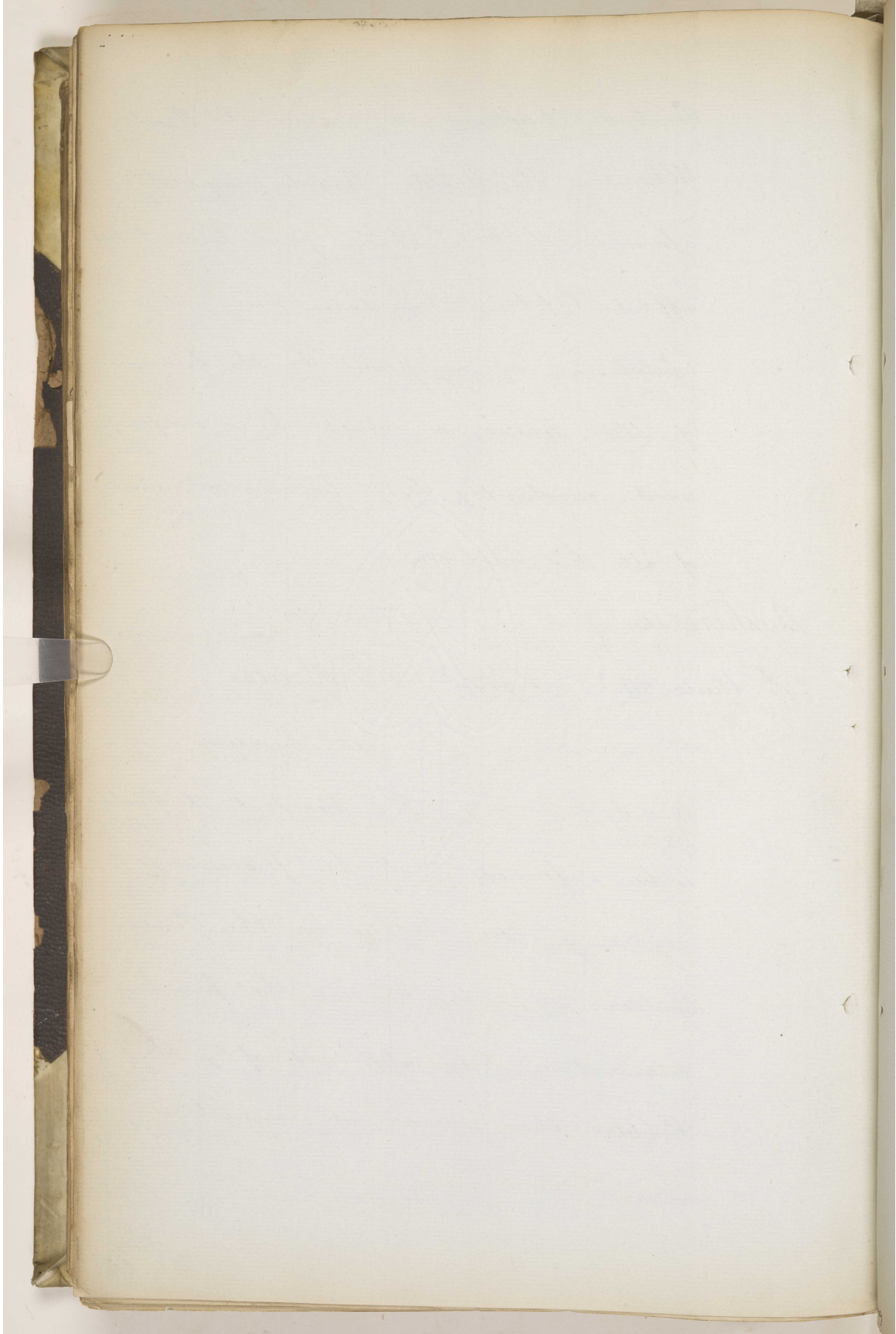
Bushire the 7th } I have Y^{rs}
24th April 1813. } (Signed) W^m Bruce

Act^y Resident

Minutes } The Resident at Bushire
19th June }
to be informed that his proceedings
regarding the Pirates in the Persian
Gulph as submitted in the preceding
letter have been approved of by the Right
Honble the Governor in Council. -

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of piracy.' [220v] (26/86)**



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25.

Extract Bombay Political Consultations

The 23rd June 1813.

Extract Letter from W^m Bruce Esq^r Resident
at Bushire. dated 4th June 1813.

In reference to my
address under date 20th ultimo, &
advising of my intention to embark
the next day on the Hon^{ble} Company's
Cruizer Ternate, I have now the
honor to acquaint you for the
information of the Right Hon^{ble}
the Governor in Council, that I
arrived at this place on the 1st Instant
in the evening where I found
His Highness the Imam, who had
arrived

W. Bruce

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of piracy.' [221v] (28/86)

arrived here the day previous, -
for the purpose of fitting out
an Expedition against Ras el Khima,

His Highness the
Imam then told me that
he was on the point of proceeding
to Ras el Khima, for the purpose
of reinstating Shawk Sultan bin Suggie
the Joasmee Chief, who had been
captured previous to our Expedition -
up the Gulf, by the Wahabee Shaik
and kept confined in Irons, but that
having effected his escape, he had
found his way by Sea via Mucha
to arrive at Muscat & throw
himself on the protection & clemency
of His Highness, promising that if
he would assist him & restore him
to His Hereditary Government and
consequence

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consequence, that he would even consider himself as a Vassal to the Imam and his Allies, and never allow any of his subjects or tribe to commit Piracies again, that his present place^{was} was to proceed in the first instance to a Port to the Northward of Ras ul Khimra inhabited by the Aga Arabs, the particular Son of Sultan Suggur, by whom he would be joined and then proceed to Ras-ul-Khimra which would immediately be compelled to submit, as his force was such, that it would be madness for them to resist, he requested therefore that I would accompany him in the Torate, for the purpose of witnessing the Treaty which he should enter into with Sultan Suggur on his being restored to his natural Government,

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as also for the purpose of entering into
 a Treaty with him myself on the part
 of the British Government, which, would
 have more effect in keeping him to
 the performance of his engagements than
 any thing else, as the Sultan Suggur
 was now aware of our determination
 not to allow the slightest insult to
 pass unnoticed - I returned that I
 had no authority from Government
 to enter into any new engagements,
 but that I would renew those existing
 between the British Government, and
 the Joasmee States, in the mean time,
 and apply for the Honble Board's
 further Commands on this head that
 he must be aware the British Government
 had no other views than those of an
 amicable nature with the different
 States

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States in the Gulph, and a free & unmolested navigation of it, & which latter we were determined on having, that I would after the Ternate had watered and Provisioned at Muscat, and his Craft being accepted by Vifshondoff meet him at any appointed rendezvous and proceed with him to Ras-ul-Khyma, he returned that he should proceed in a few days to Khorfacan, where the whole of his forces were to be collected, and that he would there await my arrival, which he requested might be at as early a period as possible. - I then took my leave and returned on board - and this morning agreeable to his promise, he sent me off the Craft for Sicca Rupees 20,203 on Vifshondoffs the Broker, with a request

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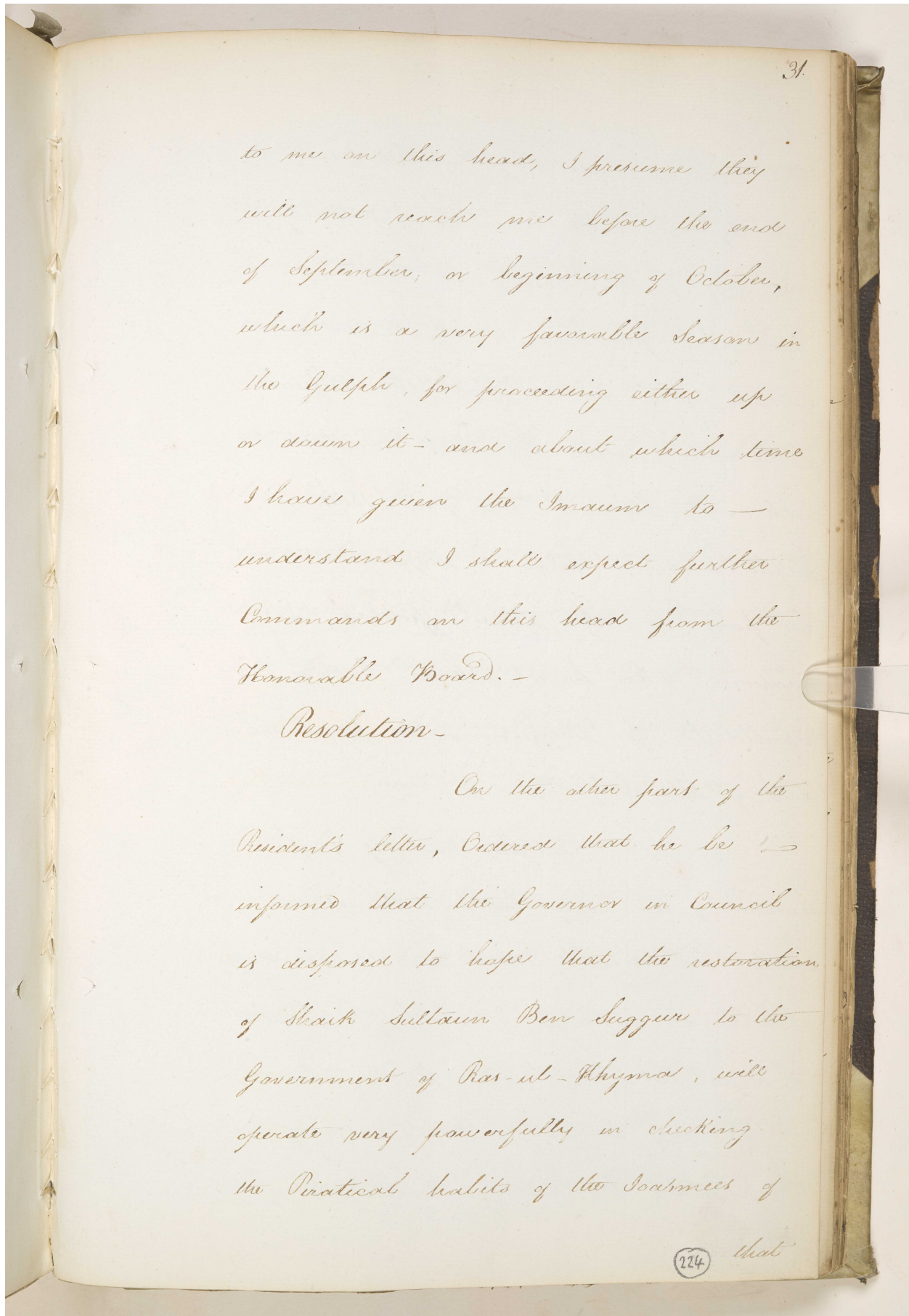
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of piracy.' [223v] (32/86)

request urging my quick return to join
him. - We immediately weighed and stood
to sea, and hope to reach Muscat
tomorrow. -

I respectfully have to
request, the Right Honble the Governor
in Council, will favor me with their
Commands in regard to any Treaty
or stipulations they may wish to enter
into with the Joasmee States, as
His Highness the Amir speaks in
such confidence of success in reinstating
Sultaan Sagger and of his future good
disposition towards the British Government
and Muscat, that I presume a more
favorable opportunity than the present
would not well have offered of being
effectual, should the Honble Board
deem it advisable to issue instructions

to

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31.
to me on this head, I presume they will not reach me before the end of September, or beginning of October, which is a very favourable season in the Gulph, for proceeding either up or down it - and about which time I have given the Imam to understand I shall expect further Commands on this head from the Honorable Board. -

Resolution -

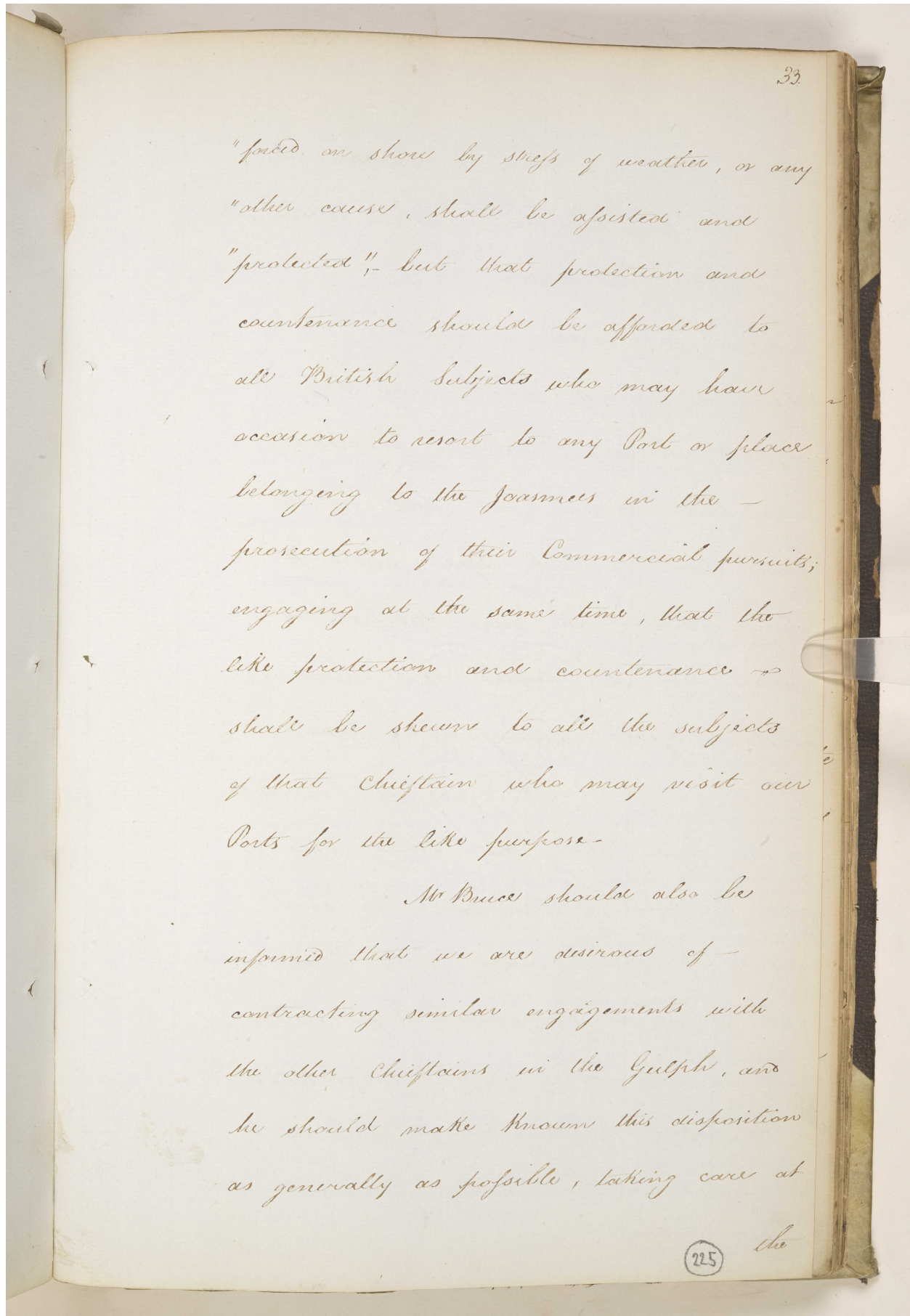
On the other part of the Resident's letter, Ordered that he be informed that the Governor in Council is disposed to hope that the restoration of Sheikh Sultan Ben Suggur to the Government of Ras-ul-Khymat, will operate very powerfully in checking the Piratical habits of the Joasmees of

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that place and its neighbourhood. —
 With regard to the expediency of entering
 into any further Treaty for that
 particular purpose, the Governor in
 Council is of opinion that the renewal
 of the Treaty made by that Chieftain
 with Mr. Seton in the year 1806, ^{as}
 might tend to excite a disposition on
 his part to take more effectual ^{and}
 measures than have hitherto been
 resorted to, for restraining the piratical
 acts of his Subjects —

In the event of such
 renewal of the Treaty before-mentioned, it
 would be desirable, that an Article
 should be added, by which it should
 be stipulated, that not only "Vessels
 "which may touch on the Coasts of
 "the Joasmees for Wood or water, or be
 "forced

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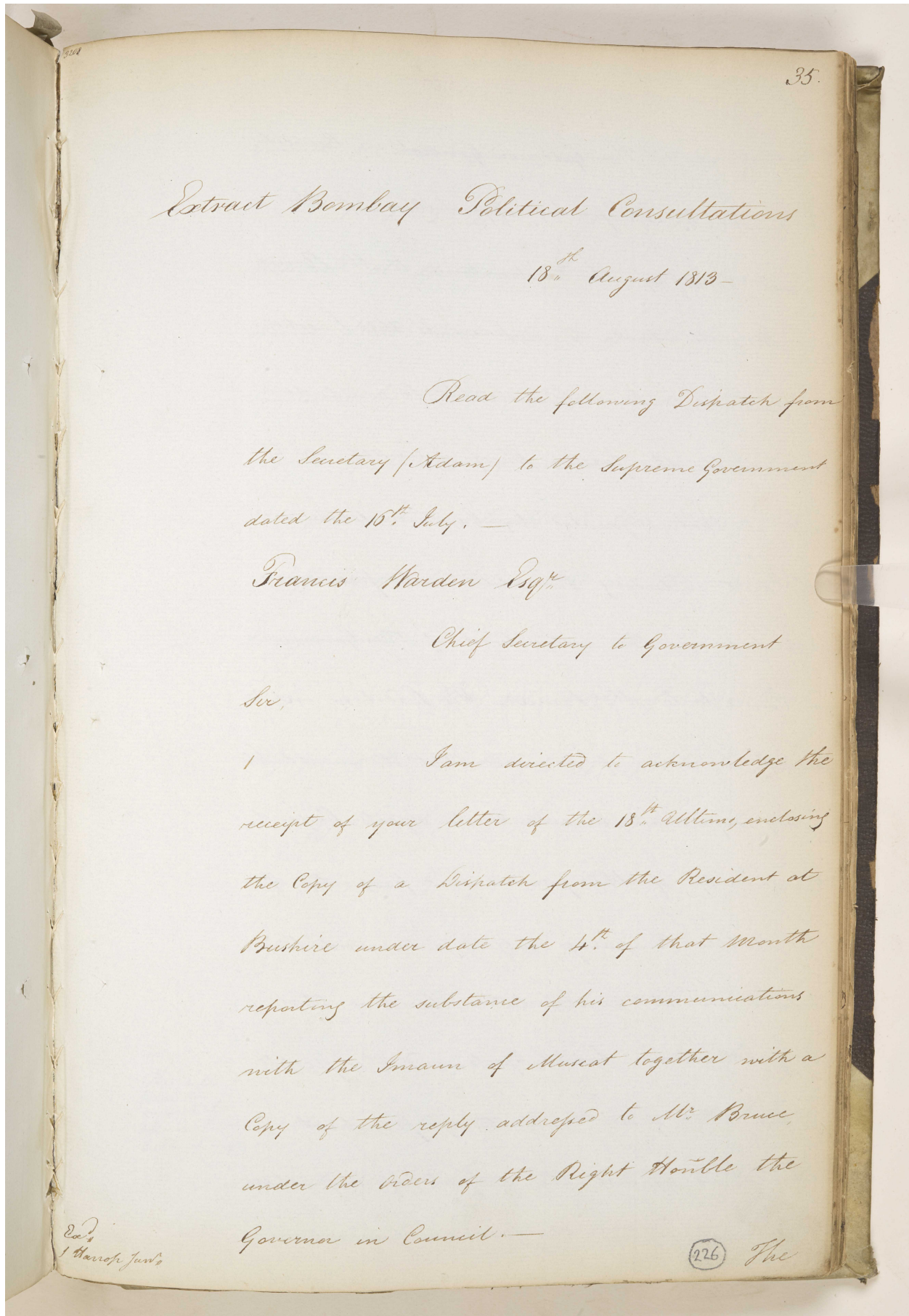


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the same time to let it be understood
that the British Government is determined
to attack and destroy every Vessel that
may be met with, to whatever state
she may belong, which may be
engaged in any Piratical proceeding,
and that it will not relax in the
prosecution of that object until it
shall obtain the most perfect
security for the Vessels and Trade
of its subjects visiting the Gulphs.

Mr. Bruce will however
refrain from taking any steps with a
view to such Treaty, until he shall
receive the further Orders of the Government
and for which purpose a Copy of his
Letter, and of the reply, are to be transmitted
to the Supreme Government for such
Instructions as His Lordship in Council may
judge necessary.

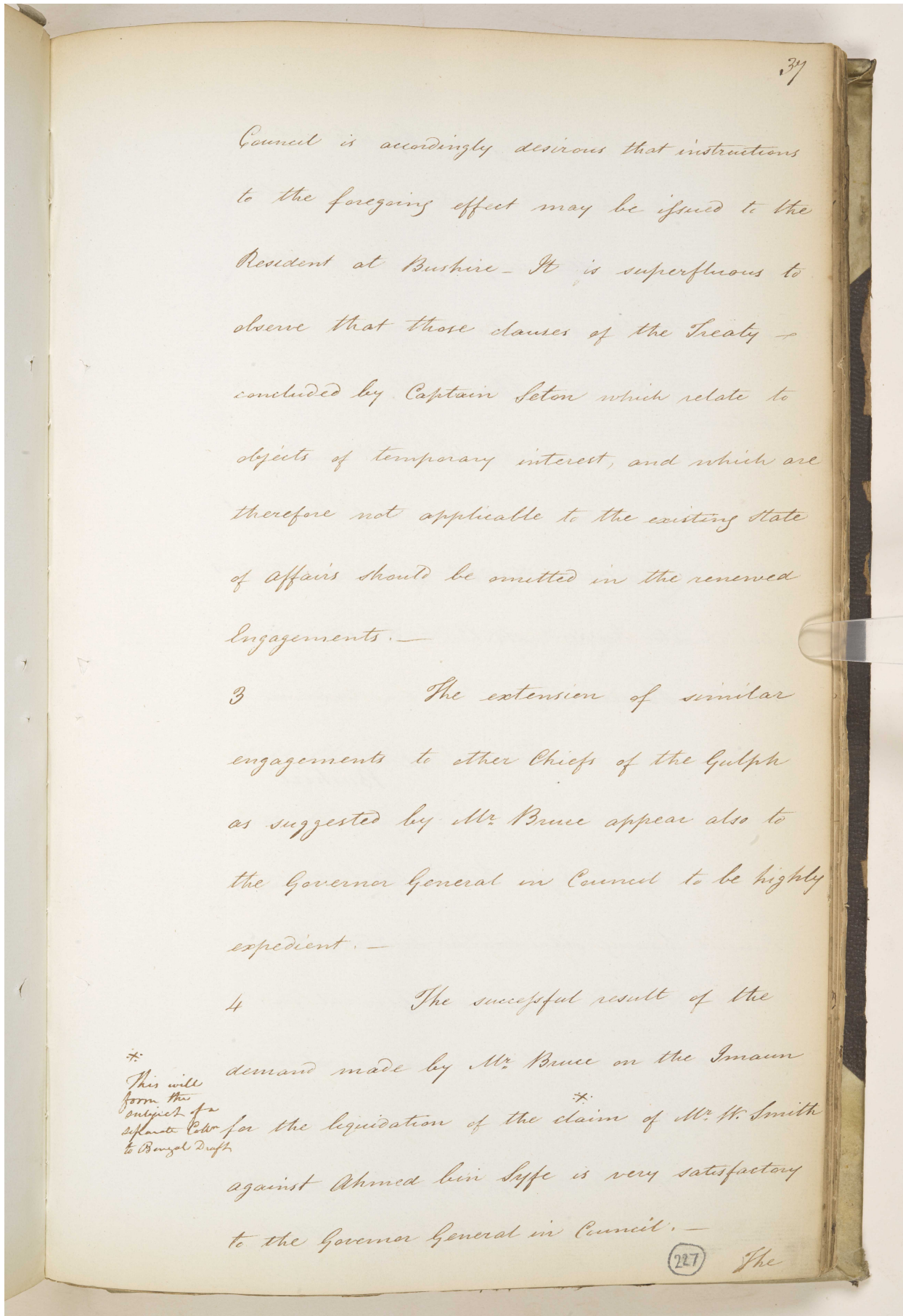
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of piracy.' [226v] (38/86)

The Governor General in Council
directs me to express his approbation of the
general tenor of the instructions to Mr Bruce,
and to state, that it appears to His Lordship
in Council to be very desirable to conclude a
Treaty with the Joasme Chief founded on the
basis of that negotiated by Captain Seton in
1806, and including the additional provisions
prescribed in the instructions of the Governor
in Council to Mr Bruce - His Lordship in
Council is even of opinion, that it would be
highly expedient to extend its objects beyond
the security of the persons and property of
the Honorable Company's subjects only, and to
include in it a stipulation binding that
Chief to restrain his subjects, and the people
of his tribe from committing piratical
depredations against the subjects of any other
State whatever, and the Governor General in
Council

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of piracy.' [227v] (40/86)

5 The note given by Ahmed bin
Saffe to Mr. Smith will be obtained from Mr.
Smith, and transmitted to you for the purpose
stated in Mr. Bruce's dispatch. —

I have &c.

Fort William }
15th July 1813 }

(Signed) J. Adam

Secretary to Government

Minutes }
15th August }

Ordered that the following instructions
be issued to the Resident at Bushire. —

William Bruce Esq.

Resident at
Bushire

Sir,

1 The Right Honble the Governor
in Council having obtained the sentiments of
the Right Honble the Governor General in
Council on the subject of my communication
to you of the 13th June last, has directed me
to instruct you to use your exertions towards
concluding a Treaty with the Joasmee Chief
founded

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founded on the basis of that negotiated by Captain Selon in 1806, and including the additional provisions prescribed in the instructions above mentioned. —

2 The Right Honble the Governor in Council conceives that it would be also highly expedient to extend its object beyond the security of the persons and property of the Honble Company's subjects only, and to include in it, a stipulation binding that Chieftain to restrain his subjects and the people of his tribe from committing piratical depredations against the subjects of any other state whatever. —

3 It is superfluous to observe that those clauses of the Treaty concluded by Captain Selon which relate to objects of temporary interests, and which are therefore not applicable to the existing state of 228 affairs

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of piracy.' [228v] (42/86)

affairs should be omitted in the renewed
Engagements. —

4 The extension of similar
Engagements to other Chiefs of the Gulph
as suggested in your letter dated the 4th
June, appears also to the Governor in Council
to be entirely desirable. —

5 I am directed on this occasion
to acquaint you that the Note given by
Ahmed bin Syfe to Mr. Smith will be
obtained from that Gentleman and is
transmitted to you for the purpose of
being surrendered to Ahmed Bin. —

I have &c

Signed) S. Babington

Bombay Castle } Secy to Government
10th August 1813. }

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of piracy.' [229r] (43/86)

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the 1st September 1813.

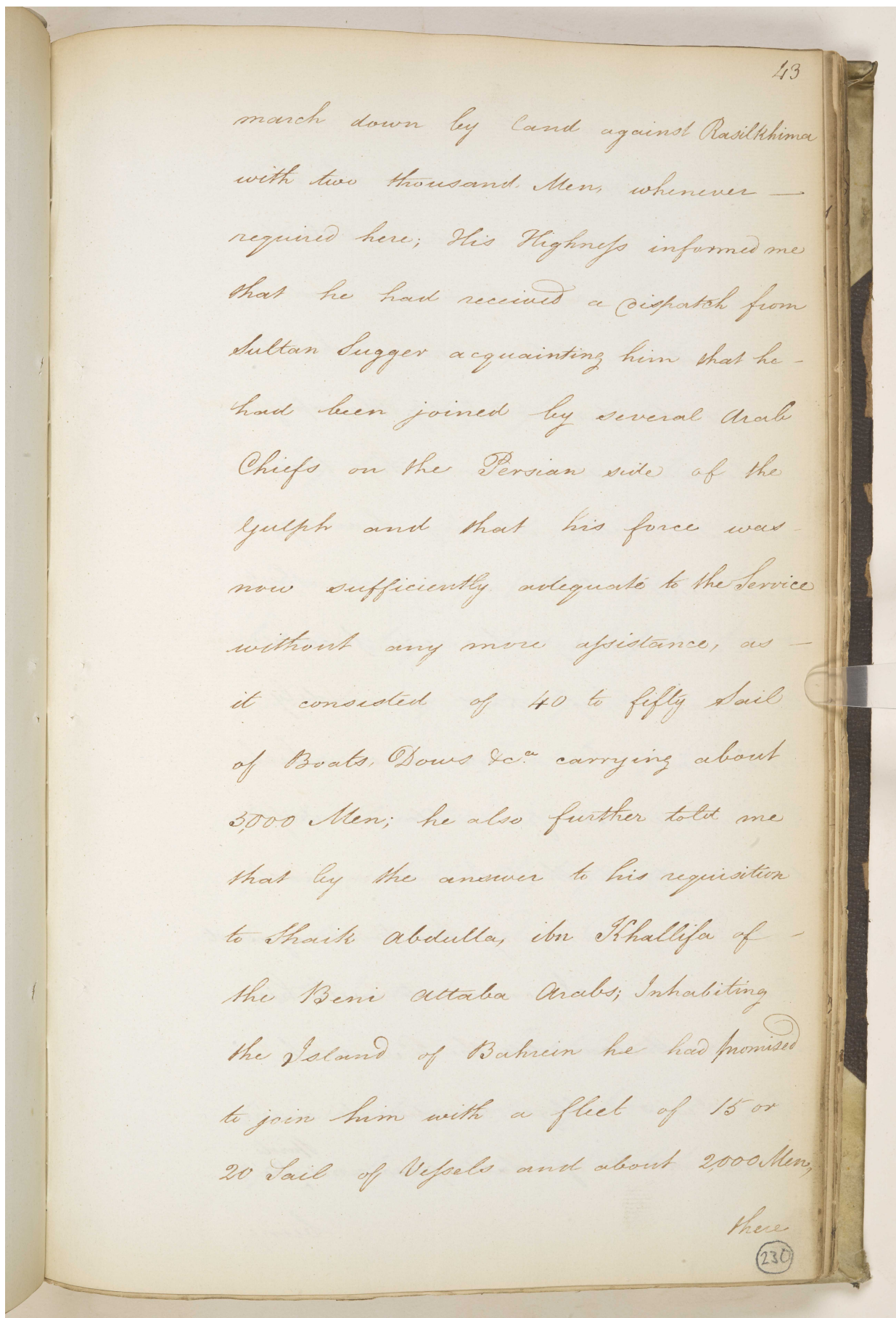
Read the following letter
from the Resident at Bushire
dated the 15th July,
Right Honble Sir,

My last address to
the Honble Board was dated the
10th Ultimo, wherein I noted my intention
to proceed and join His Highness
the Imam at Rhoofucan, in
consequence I left Muscat in a
company with His Majesty's Ship
Hesper on the 11th and joined
His Highness on the 19 off the
Island

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of piracy.' [229v] (44/86)

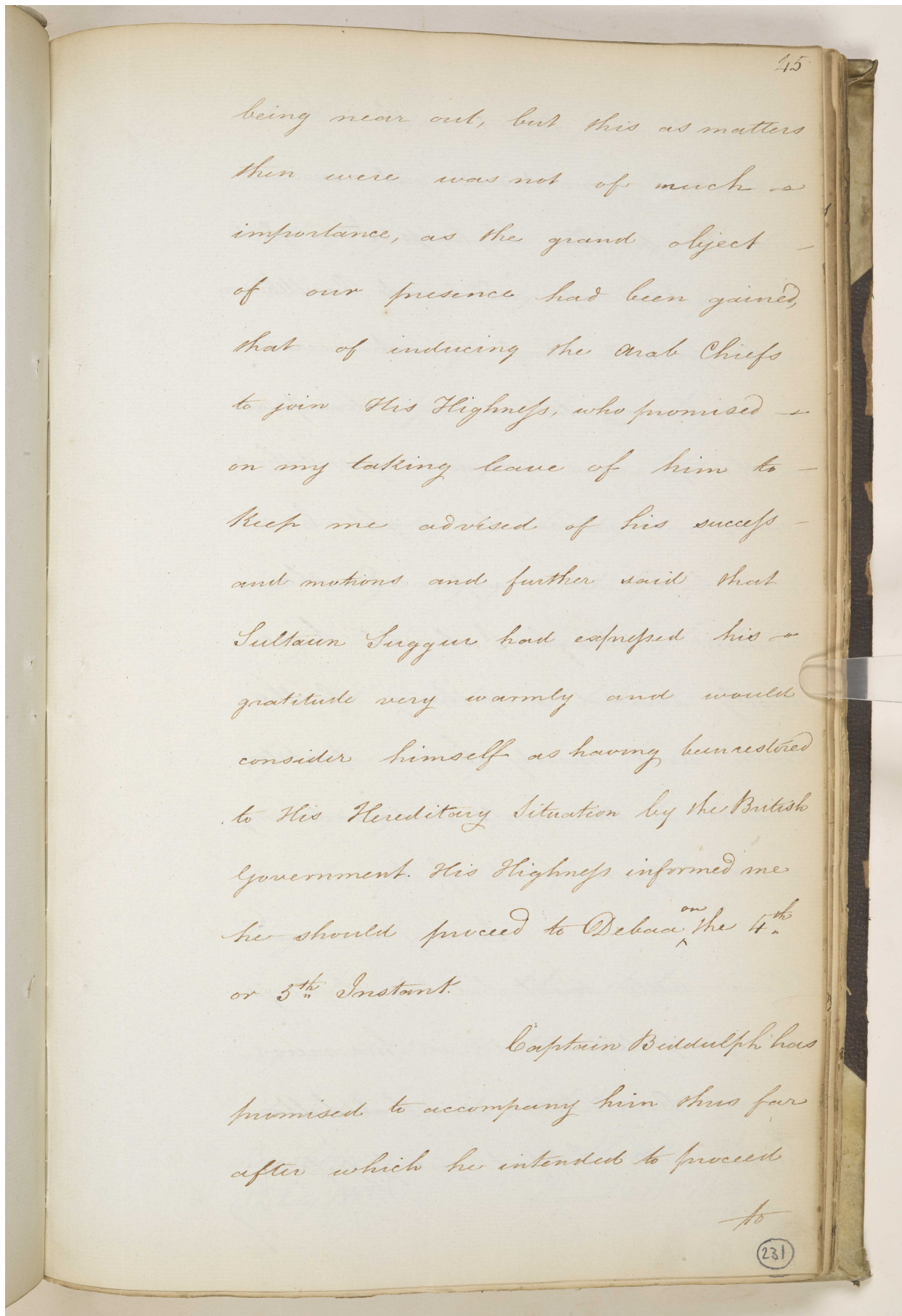
Island of Fushna - He having left
Khorfucan on the day before our
arrival off that Port. - We proceeded
to Angar Sound where we anchored -
and remained until the 23rd, during
which time His Highness had communications
from Sultan Suggie at Signa and
several other chiefs on the Persian
Side of the Gulph, who are all
ready to join as soon as the Imam
should direct, from Angar Sound -
we proceeded over to the Arabian Coast
to Boothabran the principal Port of -
the Beni yafs Arabs, and situated -
to the Westward of Rasilkhima, where
we arrived on the 29th His Highness
held a conference with Shaik Boote,
the Head of the Beni yafs, who
agreed to join the expedition and
march



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these reinforcements he said would all join him at Deboā the Sea Port of the Heza Arabs, a little to the Eastward of Boothavean and between it and Rasilkhima where he intended to proceed shortly. He expressed in the warmest manner his thanks and satisfaction at my having accompanied him, and said that it was owing to our presence the Arab Chiefs had so readily come into his views, and which had made so favorable an impression to his interest that he was almost certain of carrying his point against Rasilkhima; I remained with him at Boothavean till the 2^d Instant, when I was obliged to separate owing to our stock of Salt provisions ^{Spirits} &c. being

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 being near out, but this as matters
 then were was not of much
 importance, as the grand object
 of our presence had been gained,
 that of inducing the Arab Chiefs
 to join His Highness, who promised
 on my taking leave of him to
 keep me advised of his success
 and motions and further said that
 Sultaun Suggur had expressed his
 gratitude very warmly and would
 consider himself as having been restored
 to His Hereditary Situation by the British
 Government. His Highness informed me
 he should proceed to Debaa ^{on} the 4th
 or 5th Instant.

Captain Biddulph has
 promised to accompany him thus far
 after which he intended to proceed

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of piracy.' [231v] (48/86)

to Muscat and Water; on the whole -
as matters have turned out so -
favorably for His Highness I am glad
I have not accompanied him to Rasilkhima,
as the present Chief cannot accuse
us of having taken an active part
in the operations intended against that
place, and which he might have
done had we accompanied the
Imaum: although I should have
strictly avoided any thing of the
kind, and merely been a spectator
to ascertain the result and made my
report to Government of it.

In my own mind
I have little doubt, but His Highness
will completely succeed in his views
against Rasilkhima and that Sultan
Suggur will be put into possession
of

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of that place. I therefore respectfully presume to state to the Honble Board that if Government have any wish to renew the Treaty with the Joasmees State a more favourable time could not well offer, as Sultan Suggur with the impression now left on his mind will be happy to enter into any engagement Government may wish and which I think there is little doubt of his standing by thus doing away the necessity of keeping Cruizers in the Gulch for the protection of our Trade any longer.

I have the honor to acquaint the Honble Board of my return here on the 12th Instant.

Bushire }
15th July 1813 }

And I have &c.
(Signed) Wm Bruce
Res^t In

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of piracy.' [232v] (50/86)

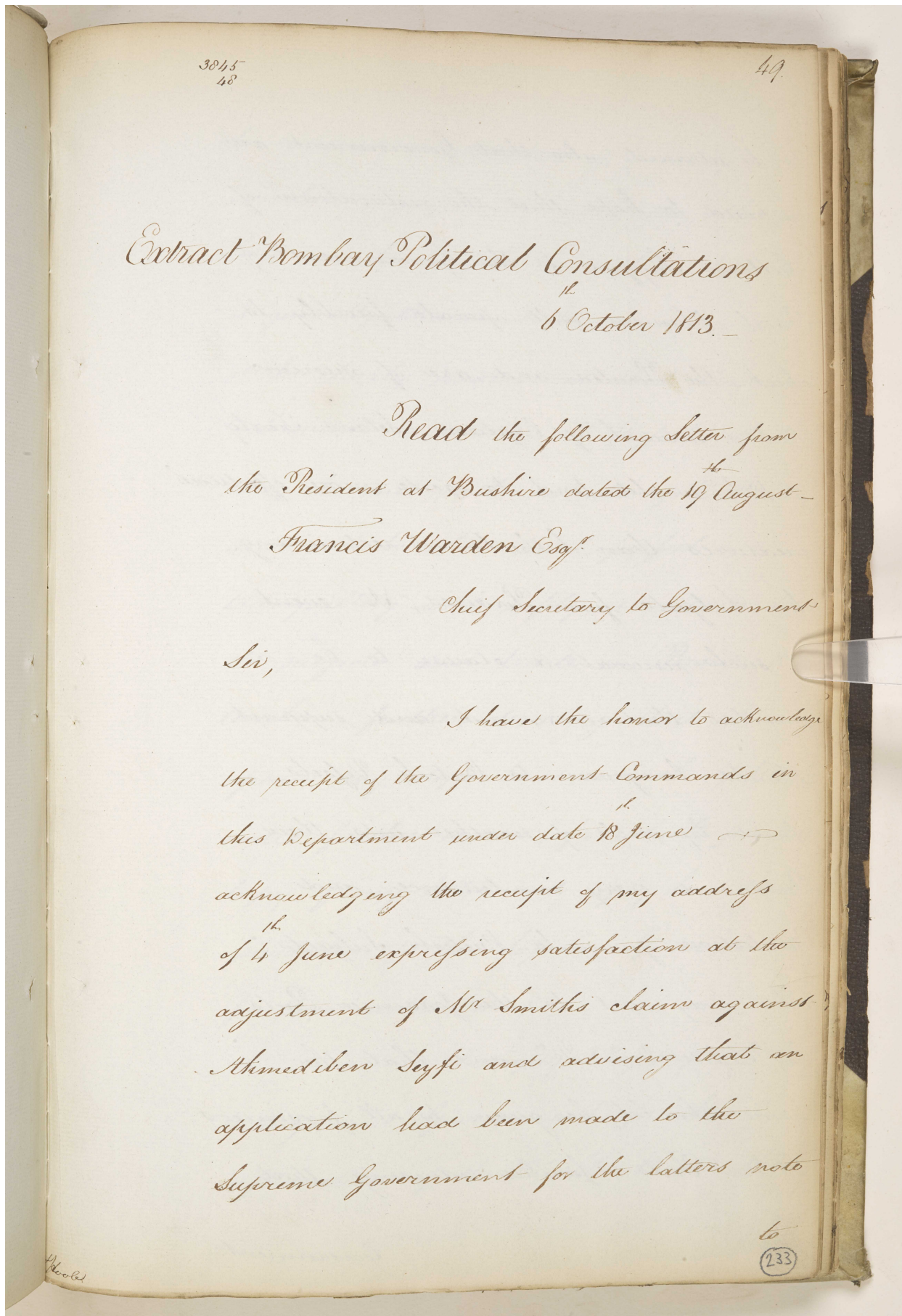
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26th August }

In acknowledging
the receipt of the preceding Letter -
ordered that the Resident at Bushire
be referred to the Instructions already
issued to him under date the 16th
Instant, which he will have received
shortly after his letter was written,
Desiring him to use his cautions
towards concluding a Treaty with
the Joasmee Chief.

Ordered that a copy of
the above recorded letter be forwarded
to the Supreme Government, informing
his Lordship in Council of the instructions
which had been issued to the
Resident at Bushire.

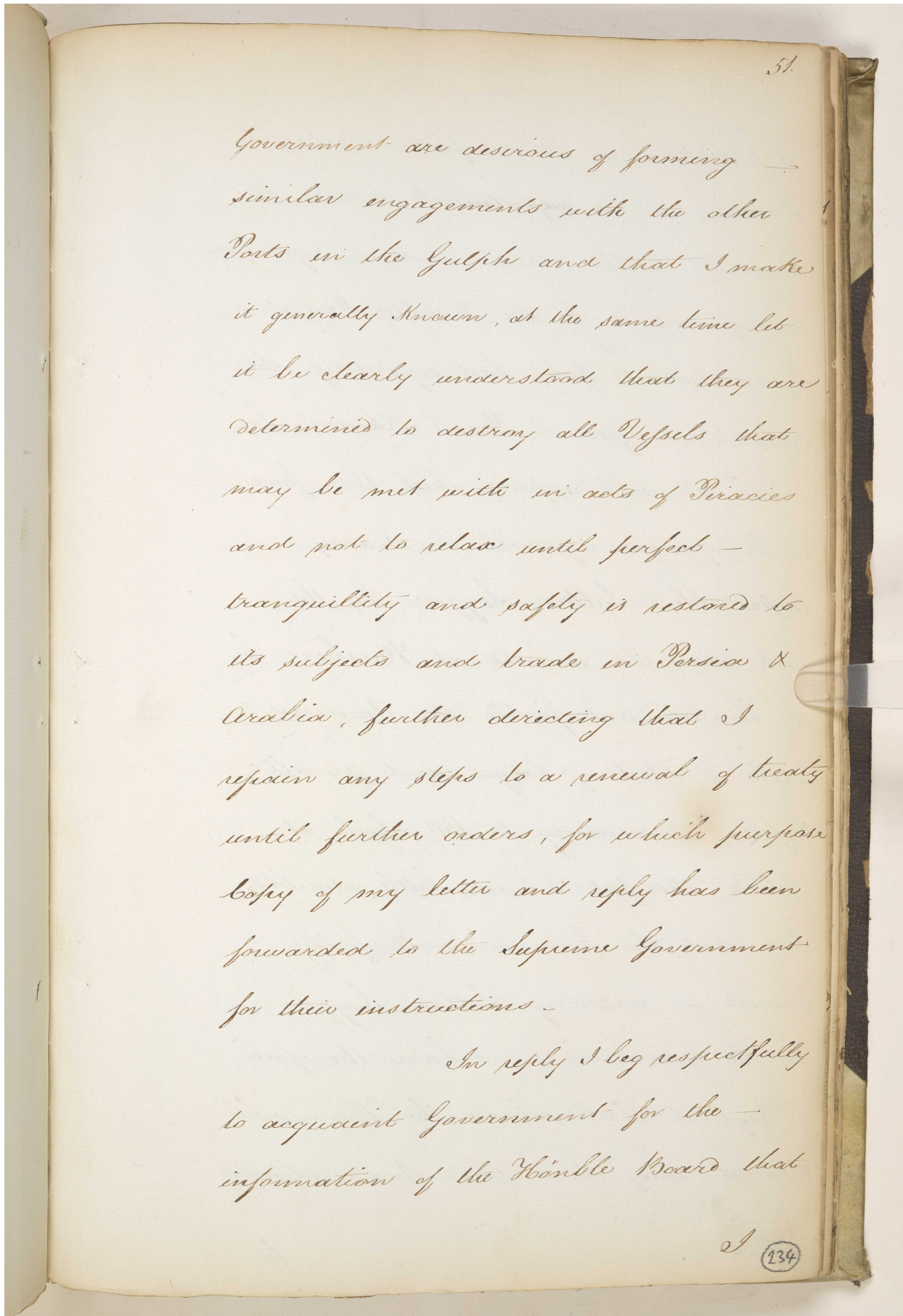
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of piracy.' [233v] (52/86)

to be returned; also that Government are
disposed to hope that the restoration of
Sulthan Suggar to the Government of
Prasil Khimer will operate forcibly to
check the Pirates, and are of opinion
that a renewal of Captain Setons Treaty
of 1806 would tend to excite more effectual
measures than hitherto in restraining
his Subjects from Piracies; In event
of such renewal a clause to be
inserted that every aid and support
should be given, to British Vessels
forced by stress of weather into their
Ports and every countenance and
protection given to British Subjects,
who may resort to the Joasmee Ports
on Trade Ve^a Ve^a and that the
same should be given to all Joasmees
in our Ports; further advising that
Government

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Government are desirous of forming —
similar engagements with the other
Ports in the Gulph and that I make
it generally known, at the same time let
it be clearly understood that they are
determined to destroy all Vessels that
may be met with in acts of Piracies
and not to relax until perfect —
tranquillity and safety is restored to
its subjects and trade in Persia &
Arabia, further directing that I
refrain any steps to a renewal of treaty
until further orders, for which purpose
copy of my letter and reply has been
forwarded to the Supreme Government
for their instructions —

In reply I beg respectfully
to acquaint Government for the —
information of the Honble Board that

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I feel flattered at the satisfaction expressed by them at the adjustment made by me, Mr Smith's claim, and in reference to my address to the Honble Board under date 15th July last regarding the Expedition against Basil Khimra by which it will appear that the force to be opposed against it, is very respectable, Sultan Suggur by the last accounts received at Bushire by the Hesper and joined the Imaum with a Fleet of large and small Vessels amounting to 150 Sail at Deba'a therefore I have little doubts but that the Imaum will fully succeed in restoring Sultan Suggur to the Government, I have therefore to request that when the Honorable Board may issue their Instructions

for

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for renewing this Treaty, that they will furnish me with a copy of Captain Selons Treaty of 1806, for my guidance. In reply to the latter part of the Government Commands expressing a desire of forming similar engagements with other Powers in the Gulph, I beg leave to refer the Honorable Board to my address under date 12th Instant regarding a communication with an Emoy from the Wahabee Chiefs, by which they will observe that the Arab Powers in this Gulph are anxious to form alliances with the British Gov^{ty}, which if the Honble Board should determine upon; the Alliances with the Wahabee, will be a complete check to the whole of the Arabian side of the Gulph as every Port on its Coast is

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of piracy.' [235v] (56/86)

more or less under Savads influence.

I have

Hazroon }
19 Aug^r 1813 }

Ye^a Ye^c

/ signed / William Bruce

Resident

Minutes }
2^d October }

Ordered, that a copy

of the Treaty concluded by Capt^m

Seton in the Year 1806 with Sultan

Suggar the Chief of Joasmees be sent

to the Resident at Bushire in compliance

with his request.

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of piracy.' [236r] (57/86)

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55.

Extract Bombay Political Consultations
the 2nd Dec^r 1813.

Read the following letter from
the Agent at Poorbunder, Dated the 25th Nov^r
Francis Warden Esq^r

Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

1. I have the honor to inform
you, that I have this instant received a
letter from Soondjee Secojee, dated Mandauer
20th November, which states, that, "five
"Catch Merchant Boats have been taken
"off Carachee in Sind," (no date is mentioned)
"by a Fleet of eleven Joosmee Pirates, &
"consisting of seven Dows and four Botillas.
Two only of the taken boats had Cargoes on

board (236)

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board, the others were light. - Three of the five boats taken were sunk, one carried off by the Pirates, and one allowed to depart empty. - Part of the Crews preserved their lives on being taken, by jumping over board, those that did not do so, were killed. - Great apprehensions are entertained at Mandavee, for the safety of several boats at present absent in the Persian Gulf.

2. I have written to Mr Sondreje, and requested he would ascertain, as soon as possible, the place of refuge of the Piratical fleet; and to use his utmost endeavours, to procure every intelligence on that point, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council. -

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3. From the contents of several letters received from Muscat, by Merchants of this place, I am led to conjecture that the Piratical fleet mentioned by Soonderjee must have come out from Rufaul Khima, or some place in its neighbourhood. —

Prebunder } I have &c
Agents Office } (Signed) C. M. Wood
25th Nov^r 1813. } Ag^t to Government

Minutes } Ordered that a Copy of the
30th Nov^r } preceding letter be transmitted to His
Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Samuel Hood with intimation that two of the Honble Company's Cruizers are now in the Gulph, and that a great probability exists of their receiving information from Muscat before any intelligence can arise from hence

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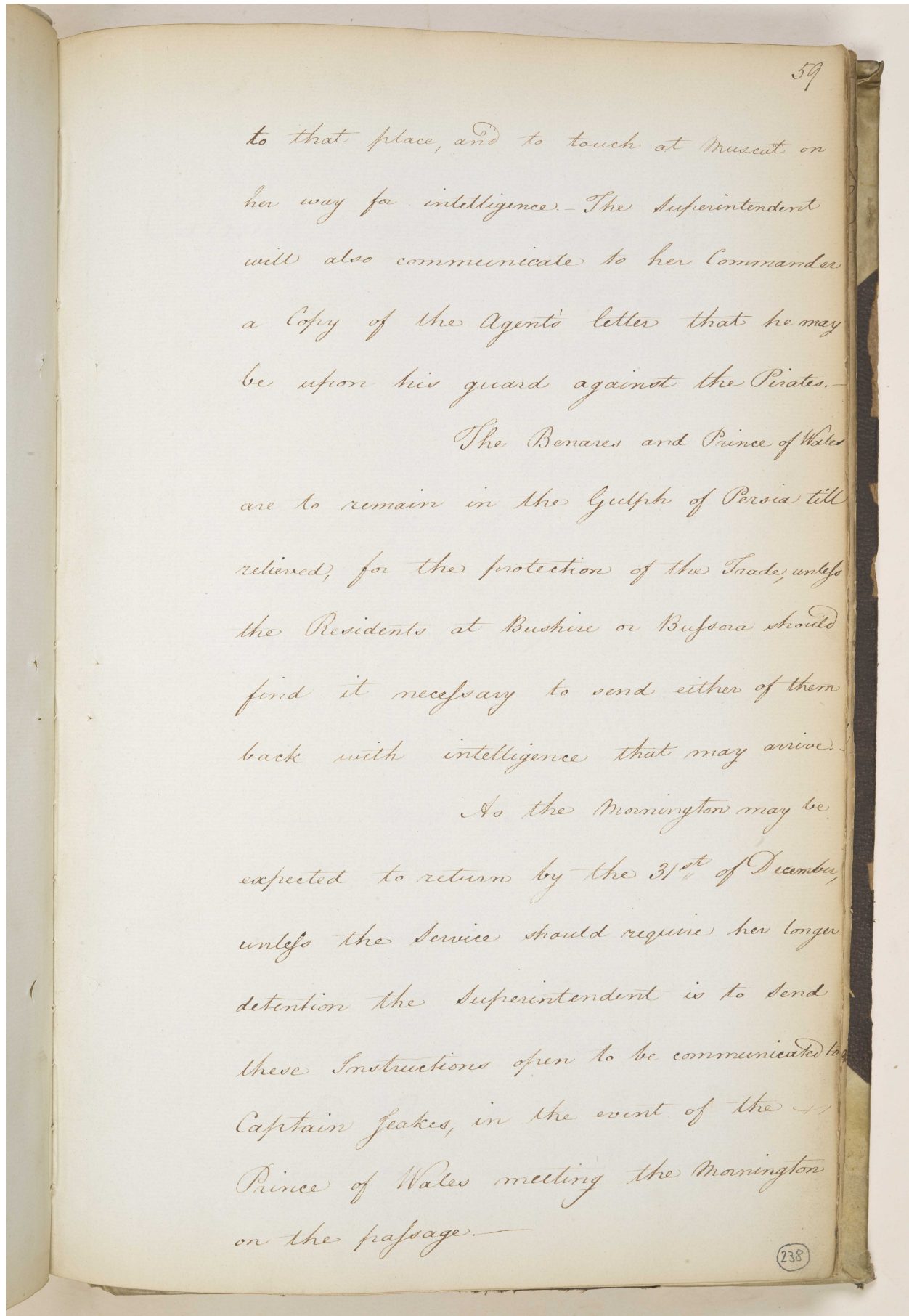
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hence of the proceedings of the Pirates,
 and every attempt will probably be made
 to intercept them on their return. —

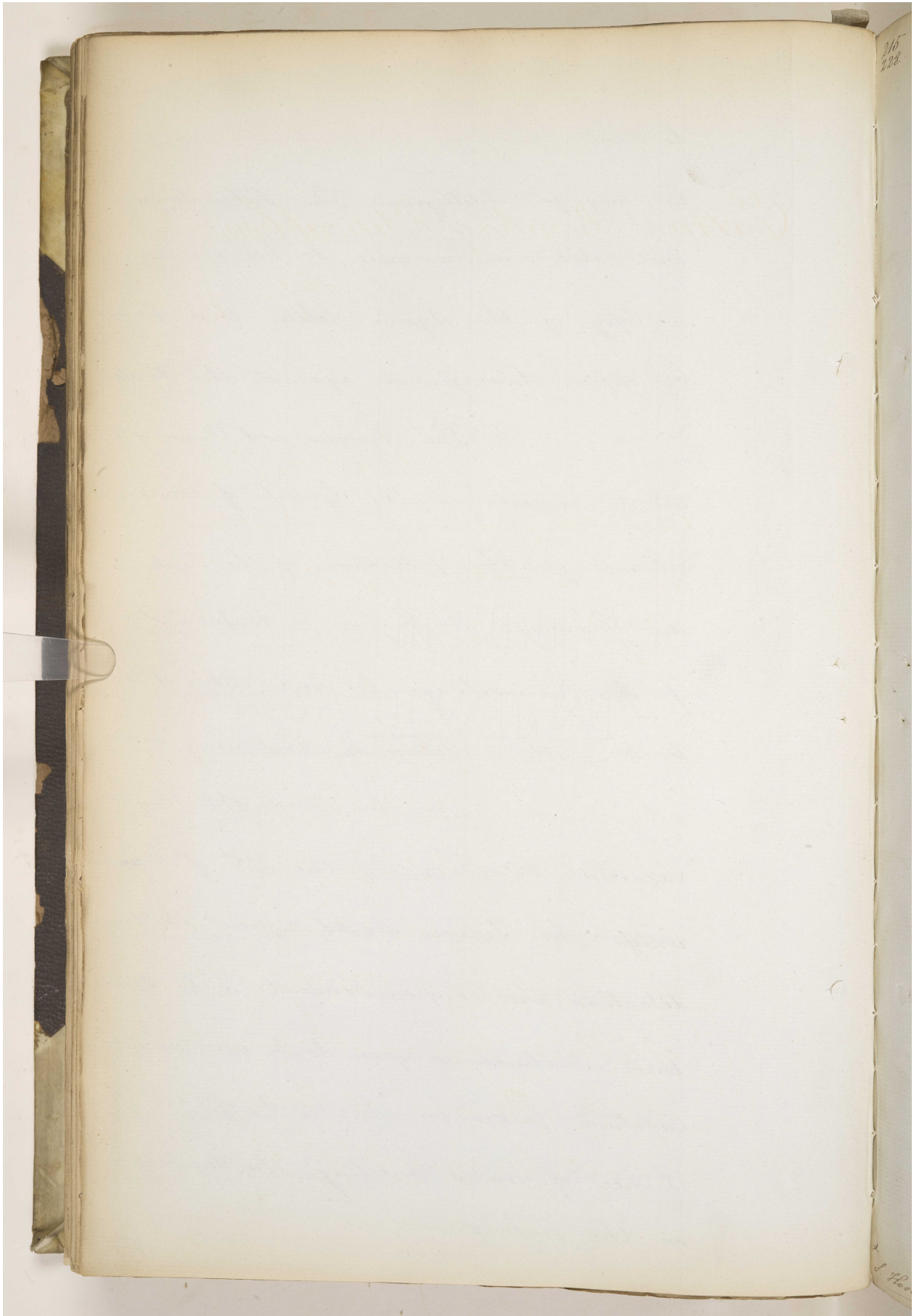
The Dows are supposed
 to belong to Rasel Khyrna situated on
 the Arabian side of the Persian Gulf,
 and their operations have probably been
 in the first instance directed principally
 against the Imams of Muscat, who
 has recently failed in an attempt to
 place another Chieftain in Authority at
 Rasel Khyrna. —

Ordered that the
 Superintendent of the Marine be furnished
 with a Copy of Lieut. Elwoods letter
 above recorded and desired to order the
 Honble Company's Cruizer Prince of Wales to
 proceed to Bushire with the Ships bound
 to

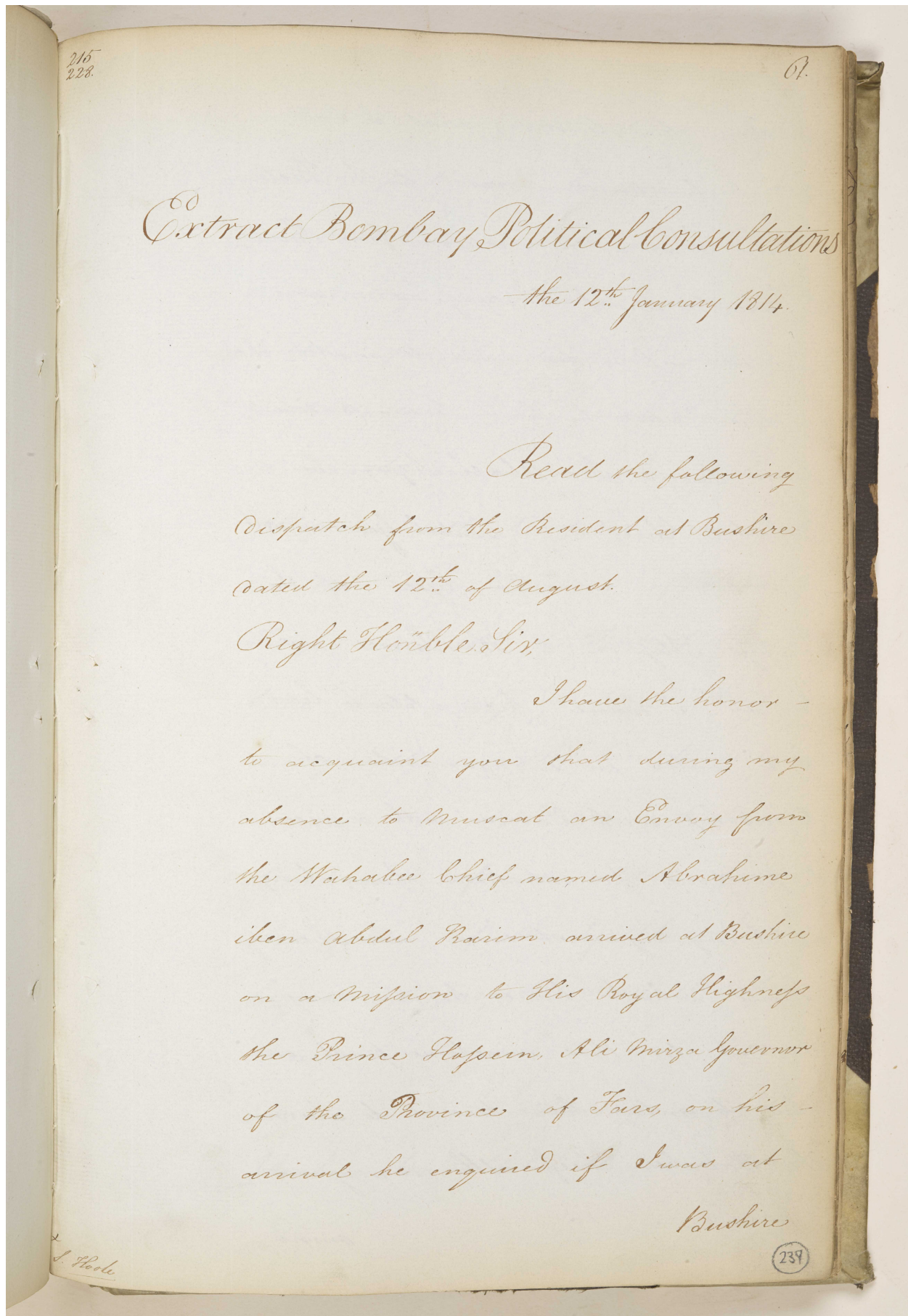
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of piracy.' [238r] (61/86)



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of piracy.' [239r] (63/86)

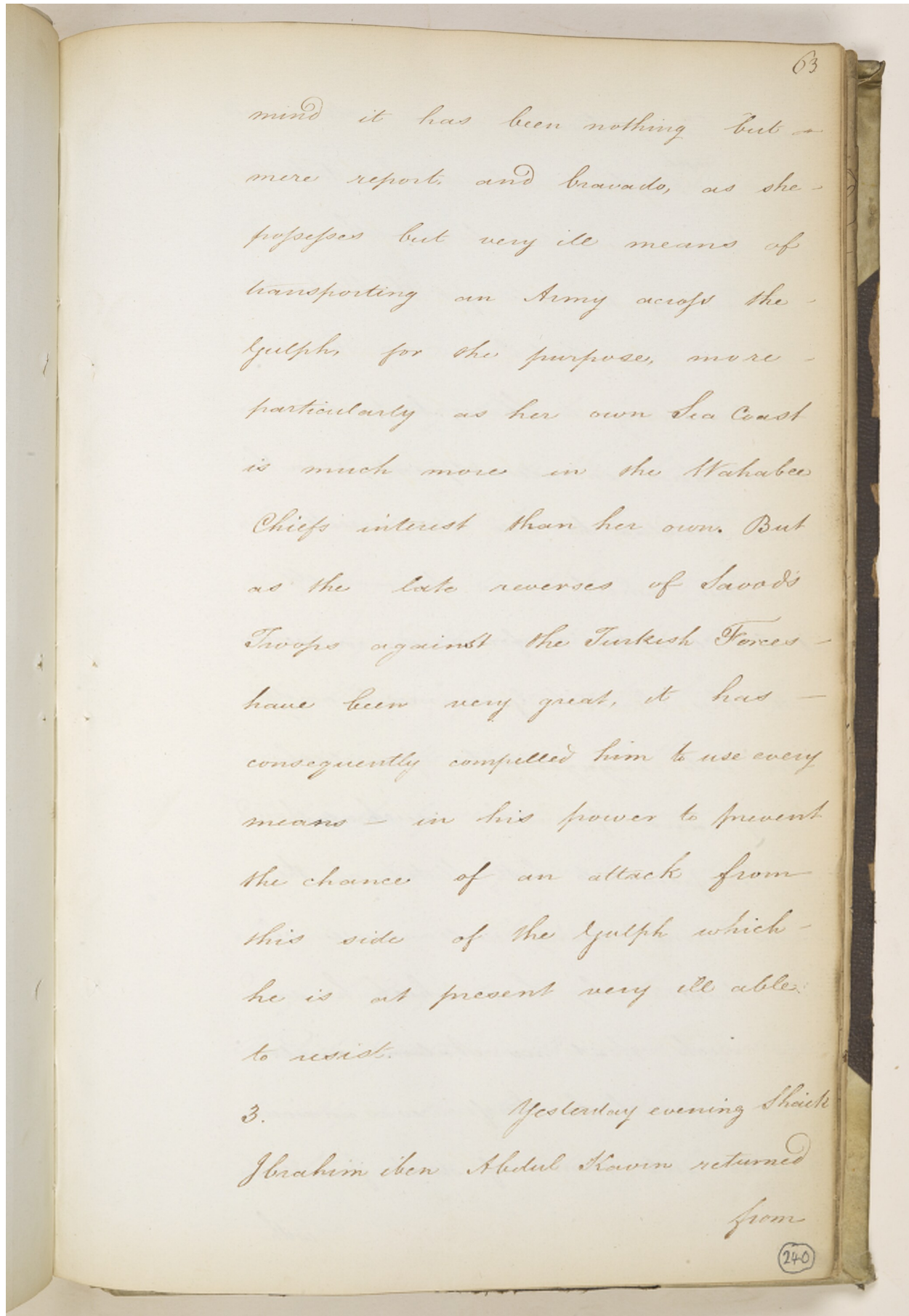


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Bushire, but learning that I had left it he paid no visit to the Factory, saying that on his return from Shiraz he should most likely find me arrived, when he would make the communication he had been directed from Seward iben Abdel Azoz the Wahabee Chief to the British Government.

2. The object of this Envoys Mission to the Prince as far as I have been able to learn is to enter in engagements of friendship with Persia, with a view to postpone her intentions, of marching an Army against him, as the reports which have been very current for this sometime past in this Country, have tended to alarm the Wahabee Chief altho' in my own mind

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 mind it has been nothing but a
 mere report, and bravado, as she
 proposes but very ill means of
 transporting an Army across the
 Gulphs for the purpose, more
 particularly as her own Sea Coast
 is much more in the Wahabee
 Chiefs interest than her own. But
 as the late reverses of Savod's
 Troops against the Turkish Forces
 have been very great, it has
 consequently compelled him to use every
 means - in his power to prevent
 the chance of an attack from
 this side of the Gulph which
 he is at present very ill able
 to resist.

3. Yesterday evening Shack
 Ibrahim Ben Abdul Kawan returned
 from

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of piracy.' [240v] (66/86)

from Shiraz having been well received
by His ^{Royal} Highness, who on his taking
his leave presented him with a
number of presents for the Wahabee
Chief, learning that I was on the eve
of proceeding to Shiraz he paid me
a visit and immediately entered on the
communication he had been directed
to make, which was the anxiety
of his Master to form an connection
with the British Government, and
enter into engagements of mutual
amity and friendship such as should
be beneficial to both States, at the
same time being well aware of
our power by sea, which he said
was such that no Nation could
stand against, he therefore was anxious
to enter into terms of strict friendship
with

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with us, that the Ports of each Nation might be open, and a free unmolested Trade carried on by the Subjects of each; Shaikh Abrahime requested me at the same time to write to Imoum Saoud stating that he had paid me a visit and made the above communication, I returned that I was happy to learn that Imoum Saoud had expressed such friendly sentiments towards the British Government, which I should make known to the Right Honble the Governor in Council by the earliest opportunity, and who I had no doubt would be very happy to learn them, as the British Government's views were always friendly to the States of Arabia, whom we had never molested but when

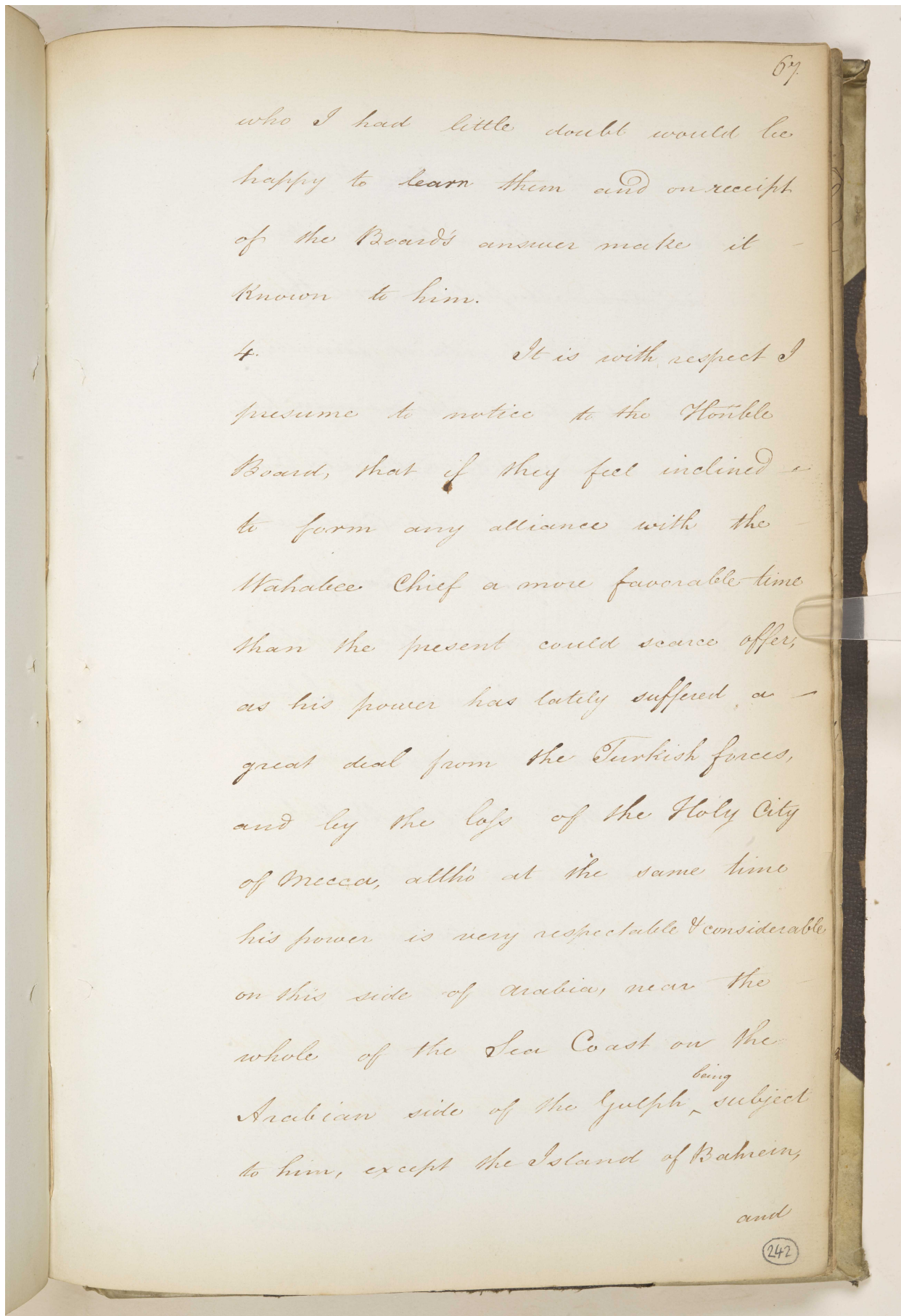
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of piracy.' [241v] (68/86)

compelled to, by their own treachery
and lawless conduct, towards our
subjects and Vessels and that we
were determined to punish all acts
that should tend to any insult
or molestation of our Flag navigating
the Gulph, while at the same time
we were as ready to embrace
all offers of friendship consistent
with our own dignity that should
be made us, and on which any
reliance could be placed, I complied
with his wish of writing a letter
to Imaum Saood merely stating that
Shaik Abraham had made known
to me his friendly sentiments towards
the British Government, which I should
take an early opportunity of making
of ~~receiving~~ known to the Honourable Board,
who

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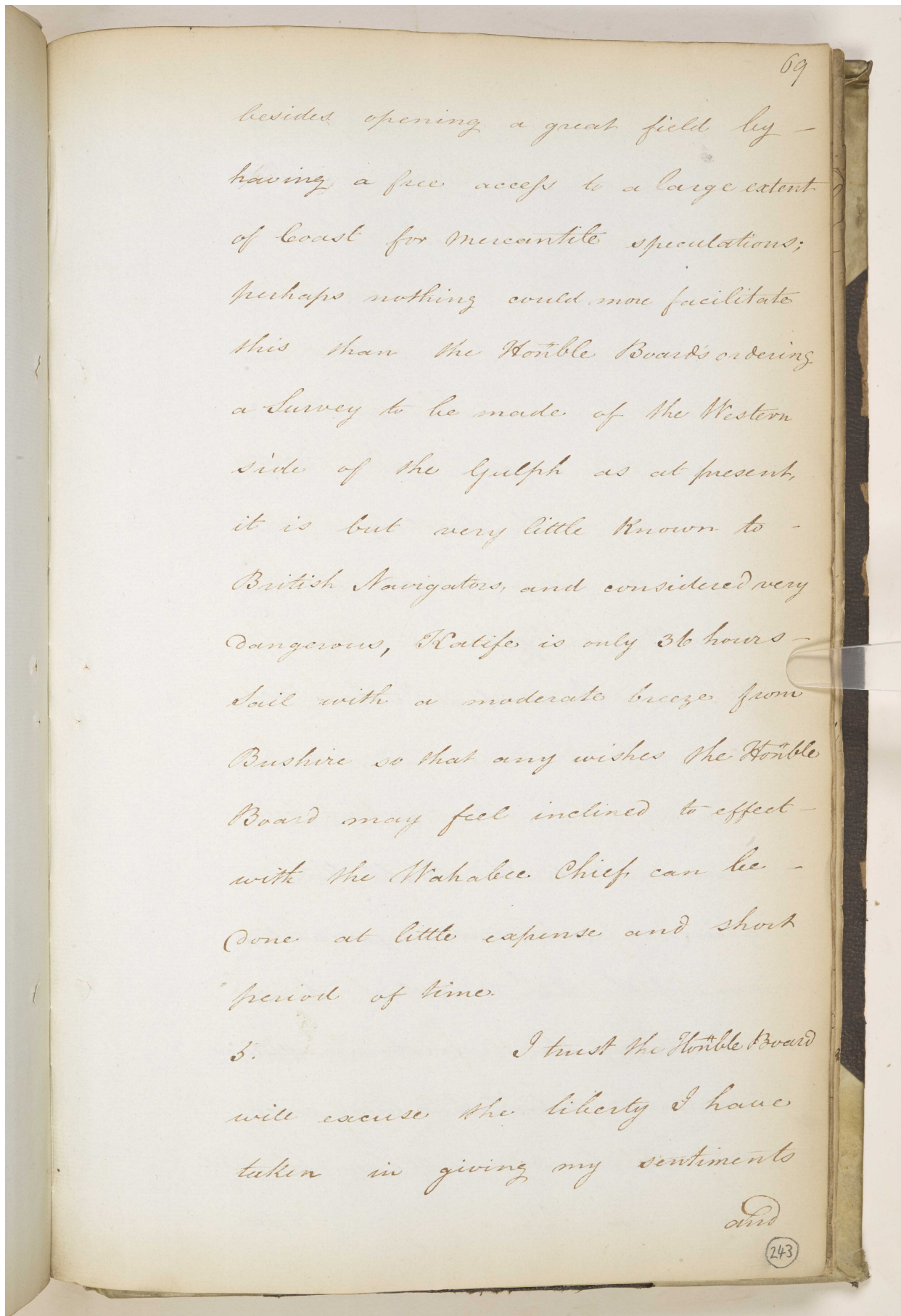


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and the Port of Yacain, to the northward near the Mouth of Buzsara River, to the Southward, his influence extends as far as Cape Musseldom on the Sea Coast, and then interior joining the Muscat territories, where again his power is acknowledged on the Sea Coast to the Southward of Cape Raselgate constituting the largest Arabian power on this side of Asia—His Capital Sea Port is Natife near the Island of Bahrein which is 12 days march from Deriah the Seat of the Wahabee Government, one principal advantage attending a friendly intercourse with the Wahabee power would be a complete check to all future Piracies and tend to form a lawless predatory race of robbers, into useful subjects,

besides

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of piracy.' [243r] (71/86)



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besides opening a great field by -
having a free access to a large extent
of Coast for mercantile speculations;
perhaps nothing could more facilitate
this than the Honble Board's ordering
a Survey to be made of the Western
side of the Gulph as at present,
it is but very little known to
British Navigators, and considered very
dangerous, That is only 36 hours
sail with a moderate breeze from
Bushire so that any wishes the Honble
Board may feel inclined to effect -
with the Wahabee Chief can be
done at little expence and short
period of time.

5. I trust the Honble Board
will excuse the liberty I have
taken in giving my sentiments

and

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of piracy.' [243v] (72/86)

and observations so familiar to Government
as I have been prompted by no other
view but zeal for the public Service
in going so, relying therefore on a
right interpretation of my motives.

Bushire } I have &c.
22nd August 1813 } (Signed) Wm Bruce

The Secretary is directed
to return the following reply.

William Bruce Esq.

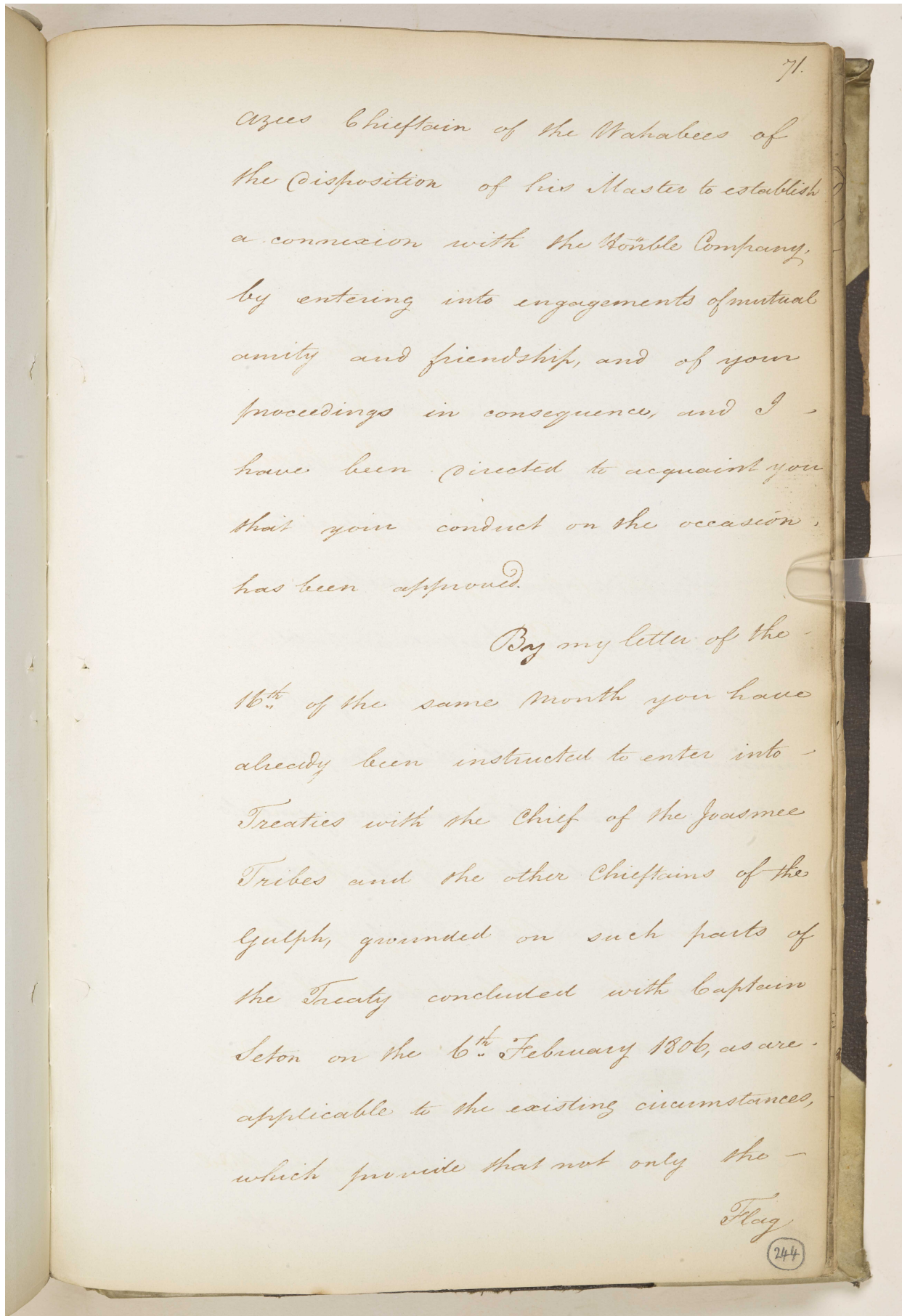
Resident at Bushire

Sir,

I have received and
communicated to the Right Honble
the Governor in Council your letter
to me of the 22th August last, —
communicating the circumstances attending
an intimation which had been made
to you by the Agent of Saood bin Abdil

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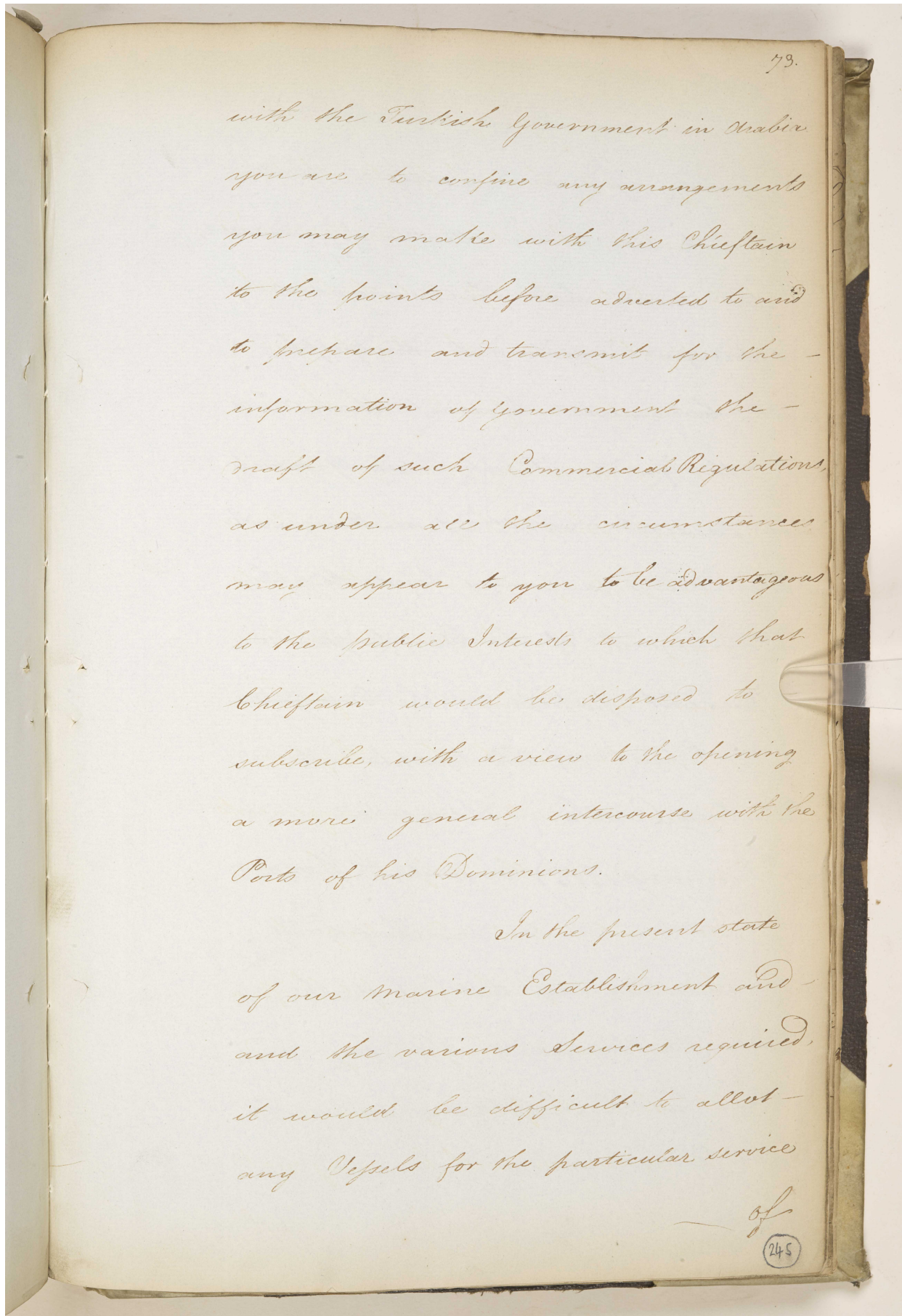
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Flag and property of the Honorable
Company and their Subjects shall
be respected; but that assistance and
protection shall be afforded to British
Vessels touching on the Coast for -
wood or water, or forced on shore -
by stress of weather or any other
cause, and that they shall restrain
their Subjects from committing acts
of Piracy. It is therefore probable
that you will have some further
communication with that Chieftain
and have concerted some arrangements
with a view to the objects therein
pointed out, but adverting to
the Situation of this powerful Chieftain
on the Coast and the jealousy and
distrust which the forming a more -
intimate connexion with him may create
with

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of surveying the Western Side of
the Gulph, but it is a subject that
will not escape the attention of Government;
in the meanwhile the Commanders of
the Cruizers resorting to the Gulph -
will be directed to avail themselves
of the favorable opportunity which
now presents itself of making such
observations as may tend to the
improvement of the Knowledge we
at present possess of the Navigation
of that part of the Gulph.

Bombay Castle } I have &c.
10th January 1814 } (Signed) F. Woodson
Chief Secy.

Ordered that the
Secretary also write the following
letter to Mr Secretary Adam at
Fort William.

J.

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of piracy.' [246r] (77/86)

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J Adam Esq^r

Secretary to the Supreme Government

Sir,

I am directed by the
Right Honble the Governor in Council
to acquaint you for the information
of the Right Honble the Governor
General in Council that an Agent
of the Chief of the Wahabees who
has recently been employed on a friendly
Mission to Persia has intimated to
Mr Bruce our Resident at Bushire
the desire of his Master Saoud bin
Abdil Azeez to establish a connection
with the Honble Company ^(existing) into engagements
of mutual amity and friendship, such
as might be beneficial to both
States, and that the Ports of each
other and a free and unmolested
Trade

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of piracy.' [246v] (78/86)

Trade be carried on by their -
subjects, and that in consequence
of the desire expressed by the Agent
Mr Bruce had written to the Wahabee
Chieftain acquainting him of the
friendly disposition of the British Government
towards the Arabian States, and that
he should communicate to him its
further wishes on the subject.

2. In consequence of the
orders of the Supreme Government
you will be pleased to understand
that the Resident at Bushire has
already been instructed to enter into
Treaties with the Chief of the Joasmee
Tribe and the other Chieftains of the
Gulph, grounded on such parts of the
Treaty concluded with Captain Seton on
the 6th February 1806 as are applicable

to

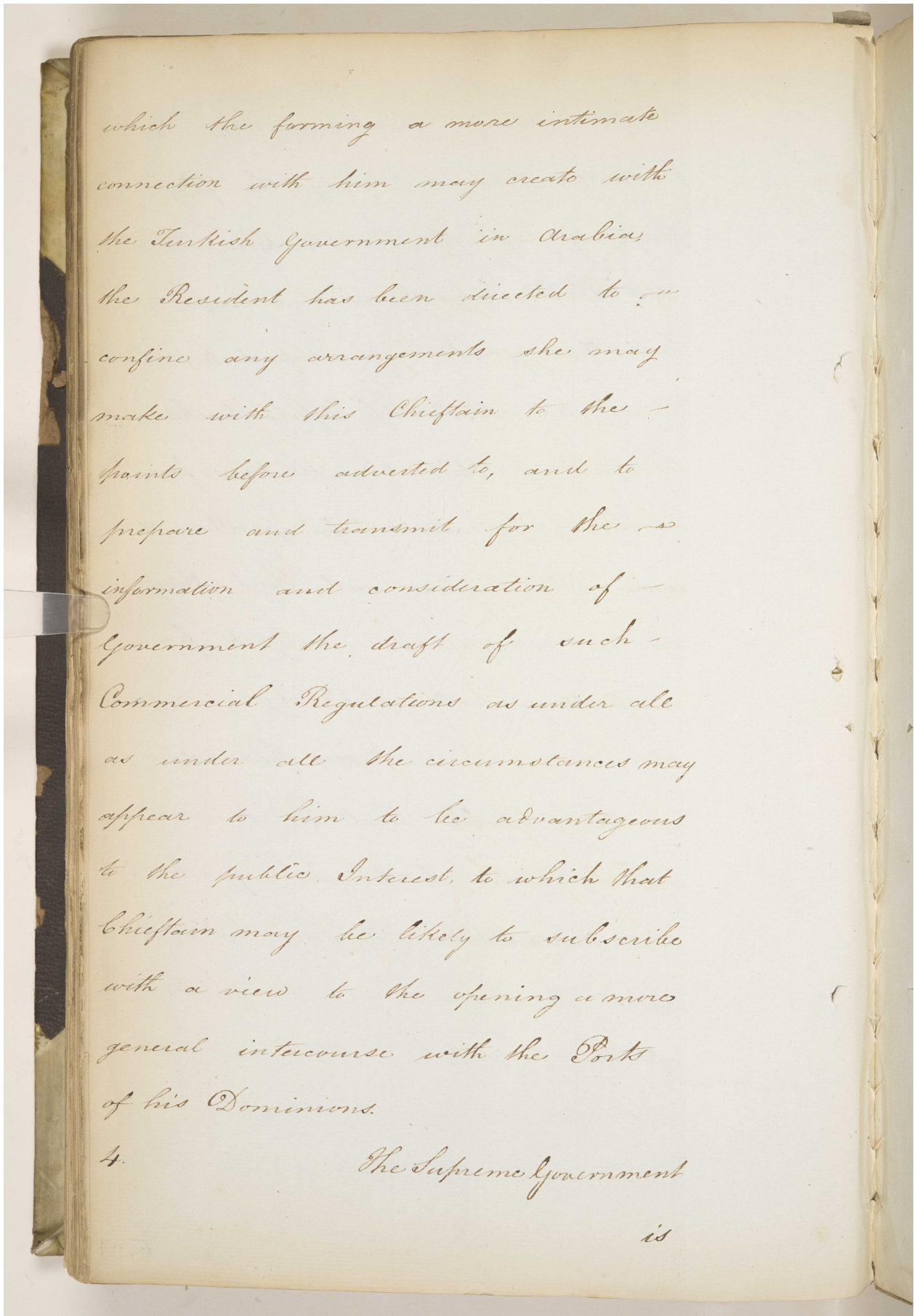
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to the existing circumstances which provide that not only the flag and property of the Honble Company and their Subjects shall be respected, but that assistance and protection shall be afforded to British Vessels touching on the Coast for Wood or Water or forced on shore by stress of weather or any other cause, and that they shall restrain their subjects from committing acts of Piracy.

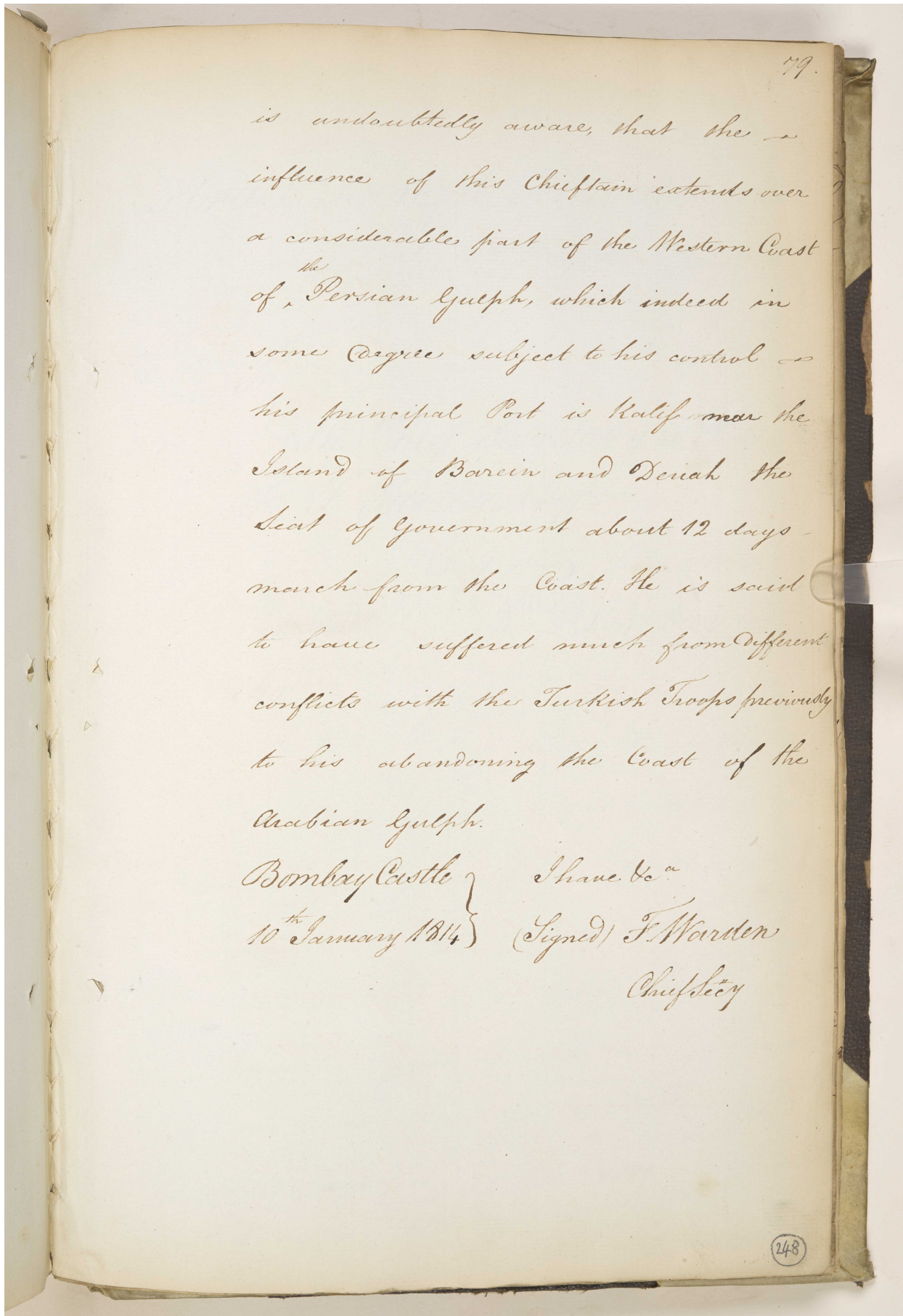
3. Under these instructions it is probable that Mr Bruce already have had some further communications with Saood bin Abdel Azeez but adverting to the situation of this powerful Chieftain compared with the rest of the Chieftains on the Coast and the jealousy and distrust which

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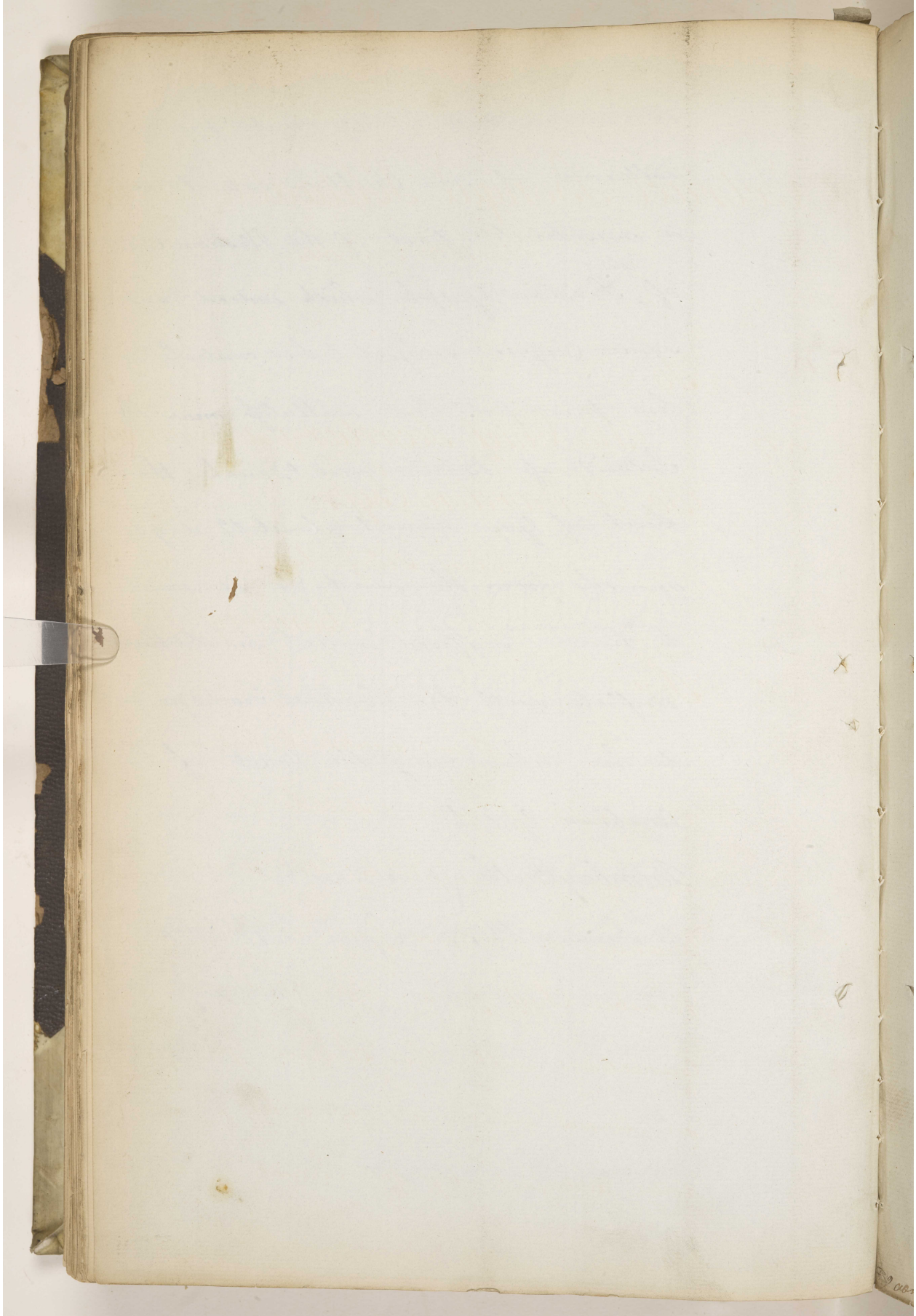


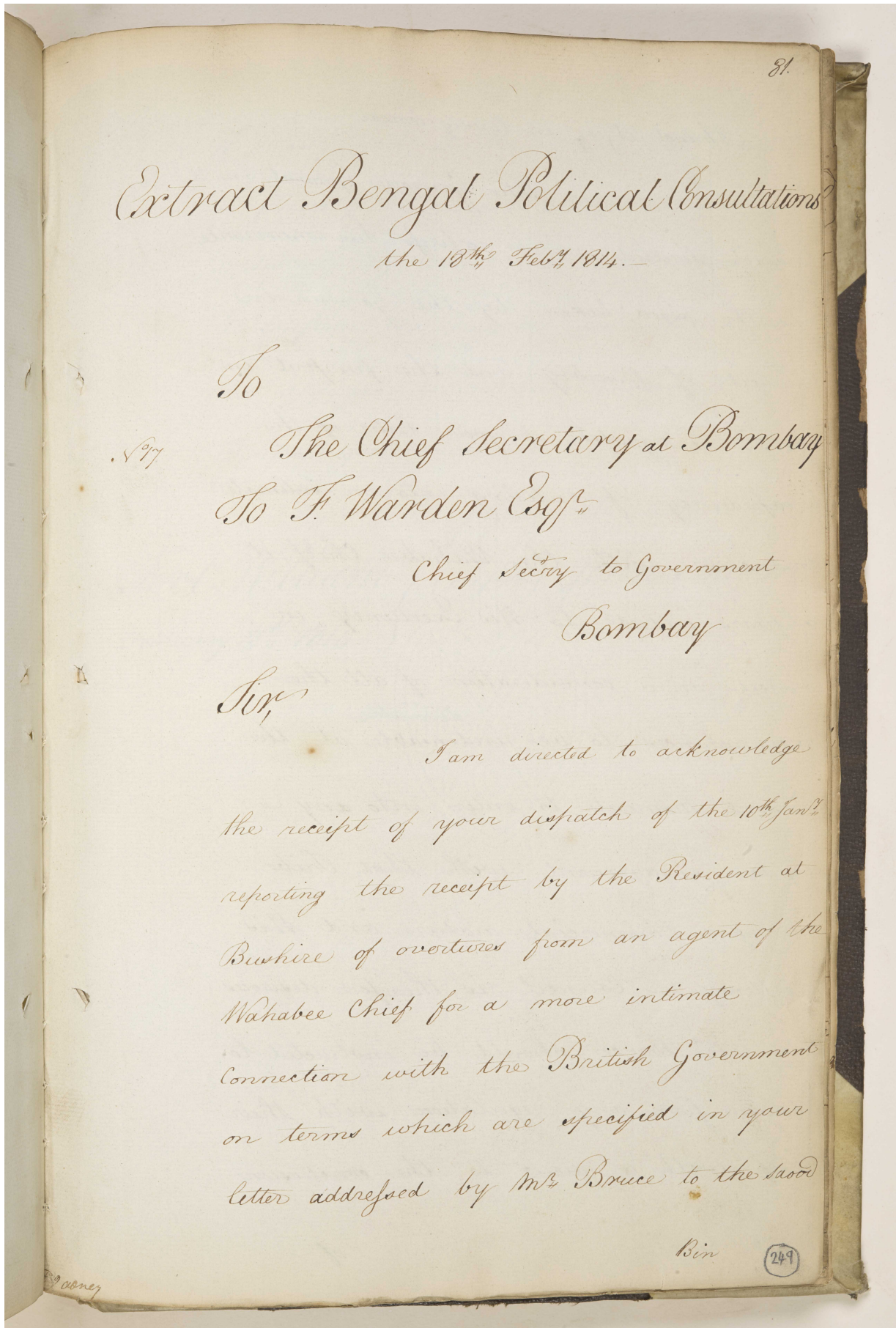
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is undoubtedly aware, that the
influence of this Chieftain extends over
a considerable part of the Western Coast
of ^{the} Persian Gulph, which indeed in
some degree subject to his control &
his principal Port is Kalif near the
Island of Borein and Denah the
Seat of Government about 12 days
march from the Coast. He is said
to have suffered much from different
conflicts with the Turkish Troops previously
to his abandoning the Coast of the
Arabian Gulph.

Bombay Castle } I have &c.
10th January 1814 } (Signed) J. Worden
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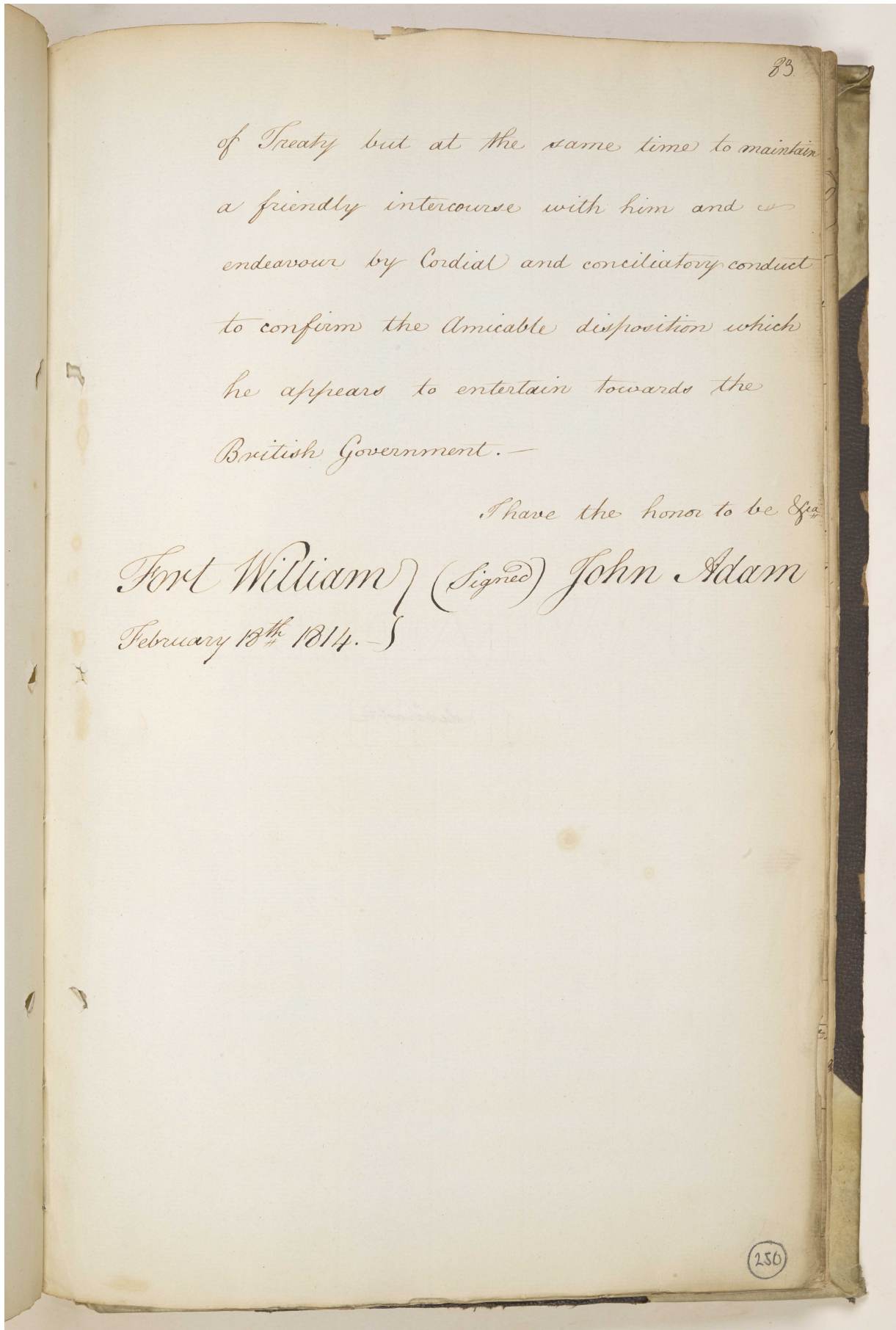


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Bin Abdool Azeef in consequence.—

2. The Governor General in
Council directed me to express his concurrence
in the view taken by the Governor in
Council of Bombay and the purport in
the 3^d Paragraph of your letter of the
inexpediency of entering into an intimate
connection with the Wahabee Chief, it
appears indeed to His Excellency in
Council on a consideration of all the
circumstances to be ^{desirable} undeniable at the
Present moment to enter into any
regular engagement with that Tribe
even of a commercial nature and His
Excellency in Council is therefore desirous
that Mr Bruce should be instructed to
abstain from any negotiation with their
Chief with a view to the conclusion
of —

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of piracy.' [250r] (85/86)



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